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## Cabinet okays Trans-Israel Highway compensation to landowners

**DAN KERNER**  
THE cabinet yesterday approved the Trans-Israel Highway legislation which will provide 100 percent compensation to landowners whose lands will be expropriated for the project.  
The cabinet rejected Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsuri's proposal to compensate landowners for the future value of the expropriated land, as well as for any financial burden the highway will cause them.  
Meretz ministers Yair Tzaban

and Yossi Sarid opposed the legislation for failing to adequately compensate affected landowners.  
"It is not fair that those who will benefit from the rise in land values [from the road's development] will be expressly those whose land won't be expropriated, and which borders the lands of the farmers on which the road will be paved," said Tzaban after the cabinet meeting.  
The legislation proposed by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat

and Housing Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer authorizes the Trans-Israel Highway Corporation to immediately take over the expropriated lands, and prevents compensation claims from delaying the building of the road.  
The cabinet adopted Justice Minister David Liba's proposal to require the corporation to pay compensation to landowners within 30 days of taking their land. If they will not be satisfied with the compensation, landowners will be

**JOSE ROSENFELD**  
able to turn to a special compensation committee - headed by a retired judge - to ask for more money. If they are still dissatisfied by the committee's decision, they will be able to appeal it to the Jerusalem District Court.  
The cabinet directed its legislative committee to draft compensation criteria, with the only limitation being that payments not

exceed the value of the land at the time of expropriation.  
The legislative committee will decide whether to adopt Liba's proposal to allow the compensation committee to provide landowners with alternative Israel Lands Administration lands, give them preference on land rights, or the right to manage concessions that will be established in the expropriated lands.  
The cabinet legislative committee

is scheduled to meet in two weeks and set the compensation criteria, which will then be sent to the Knesset for approval as part of the proposed law.  
Ben-Eliezer said that should the Knesset enact the law by the end of next month, the road, which will extend from Beersheba to the border with Lebanon and Syria, will take between five and seven years to complete. He added that it will be financed from US assistance funds.  
Affected farmers rejected the government's decision for failing to cover them adequately.  
"The government's decision will be in effect a death sentence on the road - it is totally unacceptable," said Moshav movement Secretary-General Shalom Simhon. "We will have to block with our bodies not only the government's decision, but the bulldozers used to build the road."  
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A Golan resident passes the Knesset yesterday at the end of a four-day 40-tractor procession to Jerusalem from Gamle. Story, Page 2. (Stein/Harari)

## PM: Without peace, war with Syria likely

**BATSHEVA TSUR and news agencies**  
PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last night that whoever was not prepared to make peace with Syria could expect a war within five to eight years.  
Speaking at the opening of the Keren Hayesod World Conference, Rabin also said that what was important on the Golan Heights was the number of tanks, not the number of settlements.  
Earlier, at the convention of the Zionist General Council, Rabin warned that the Arab world still poses a military threat to Israel, singling out Syria's arms purchases.  
Rabin said the military threat posed by the Arab world had decreased as a result of Middle East peace talks, but that Israel's enemies still had a military option.  
The prime minister noted that Syria had received various long-range Scud missiles from North Korea and also had the ability to produce them.  
"Syria today has ground-to-ground missiles of a quality and quantity that make what we suffered from Iraq during the Gulf War look like children's play," Rabin said.  
"Iraq tried to develop nuclear weapons. Iran is trying to do this. Against whom, if not against Israel?" Rabin continued.  
Referring to Syria's insistence on complete Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, Rabin said: "We are trying not to pay the price that Israel paid for peace with Egypt in terms of territory."  
The prime minister said gaps between the Israeli and Syrian positions in the peace talks remained wide.  
Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, however, said there could be a breakthrough in the peace process if Syria responds favorably to new Israeli proposals.  
"Israel has made certain rather interesting proposals to the Syrians," Peres said to reporters after addressing participants in the President's Dialogue at Beit Hanassi. "If the Syrians accept them, we could see a breakthrough."  
But he declined to elaborate, saying merely that the negotiations should be held at a high diplomatic level. Peres indicated that further progress could be made if the talks in Washington were moved and held away from the limelight.  
At the Keren Hayesod conference, Rabin said: "There is consensus in Israel about keeping Gush Etzion, Ma'aleh Adumim and the Jordan Valley under Israeli control for security and not political reasons," and added that Jerusalem must remain united forever as Israel's capital.  
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## Beilin: Dismantle Jewish Agency and WZO

**BATSHEVA TSUR**  
DEPUTY Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin dropped a bombshell yesterday when he called for the dissolution of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.  
Speaking on the first day of the Dialogue with the President forum, the "enfant terrible" of Israel-Diaspora relations suggested the formation of a new institutional framework which he called Beit Yisrael (House of Israel).  
"We need something new," Beilin told the participants in the Dialogue. "We are using yesterday's tools to deal with tomorrow."  
Earlier this year, Beilin was censured across the board for suggesting that fundraising activities for Israel be stopped since the state no longer requires "charity."  
Beit Yisrael, he said yesterday, would be a mass membership organization which would begin functioning fully when one million members in Israel and the Diaspora had joined. Unlike existing Zionist frameworks, its leaders would be democratically elected, Beilin said.  
The new link between Israel and the Diaspora would answer the rapidly changing

needs of world Jewry at a time of accelerated assimilation, peace prospects and Israel's improved economic situation.  
The key project of the new organization, Beilin said, would be bringing every young Diaspora Jew to Israel for a month at the age of 17, with a free, non-transferable ticket. Some \$200 million would be needed for the project, he said, which would be financed from membership fees as well as the Federations, the United Jewish Appeal, Keren Hayesod and private foundations. Israel Bonds, he suggested, should be converted into a worldwide investment fund for Israel. He also called for a census of world Jewry.  
Beilin's remarks drew immediate fire from several, though not all, of the Dialogue participants. Jewish Agency Board of Governors Chairman Mendel Kaplan left Beit Hanassi, while senior agency officials walked out of the tent where the Dialogue was being held.  
Addressing the Zionist General Council at the Jerusalem International Convention Center (Binyanei Ha'uma), Prime Minister

Yitzhak Rabin made no bones about his dissatisfaction with the deputy minister.  
"With deep sorrow, I have to say that there is a certain person, a deputy minister, who has made remarks that are not in keeping with government policy," Rabin said without mentioning Beilin by name. "This is a lot of rubbish and the government is not bound by it."  
Conceding that there was room for reassessment of Israel-Diaspora ties, Rabin said: "We don't have to smash existing frameworks. How can we come to the US government now and ask for military aid? Without that \$3 billion Israel's security will be harmed."  
Acting Jewish Agency chairman Yehiel Leket said Beilin's remarks had "created confusion and embarrassment. They have caused grievous harm to the state and to ties with world Jewry at expressly the time we should be closing ranks to prepare for peace."  
"There are people who know a great deal about the Palestinians but not about the Jews,"

## Clinton lauds Hussein's efforts to make peace

**HILLEL KUTTLER**  
WASHINGTON  
PRESIDENT Bill Clinton yesterday lauded King Hussein's "courage and vision" in "renewing his efforts to make peace with Israel," and reiterated that the US considers the region of prime importance.  
But speaking to reporters prior to his Oval Office meeting with the king, Clinton pointedly included Damascus in his welcoming remarks.  
"I want to reaffirm the support of the US for a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East, including the Syrian track, and we will do whatever we can to keep those things going," Clinton said.  
"This remains a very important priority for me and for our administration, and I am very encouraged by the efforts that King Hussein has made."  
The remarks came just two weeks after Jordan and Israel announced joint economic development plans, which will be pursued beginning next month in the two countries.  
At the State Department yesterday, the US and Jordan also conducted their first bilateral talks on economic and security matters, led by Assistant Secretary of State Robert Pelletreau and Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali.  
For his part, the king indicated he would not make a separate peace with Israel, saying that while the sides are at "the beginning of a serious negotiation," Jordan "certainly would share with the president our hope that we will have a comprehensive peace in the entire region."  
Baasheva Tsur adds:  
Foreign Minister Shimon Peres welcomed King Hussein's positive remarks concerning open talks between Israel and the Jordanians.

## Russia, NATO in landmark partnership

**BRUSSELS** - Russia and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization yesterday pledged a new era of military and political cooperation and to assure security in Europe, with Moscow signaling it no longer opposed East European states joining the alliance.  
The plan unites Russia and NATO in a relationship that during the Soviet era would have been unthinkable: joint military exercises, cooperation in peacekeeping and other shared activities.  
Russia also will be able to open a delegation at NATO headquarters.  
Russia's signing of a landmark partnership accord with NATO opens a new chapter in European history, ending months of bickering over its post-Cold War ties with the Western allies.  
In a reflection of the broad cooperative atmosphere, Russia and the US also announced President Bill Clinton and President Boris Yeltsin would hold a summit in late September.  
Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev signed the alliance's Partnership for Peace scheme on closer military links and sealed an agreement with NATO on broader political ties.  
In a brief statement, Kozyrev said Russia was committed to seeking "cooperation rather than confrontation" with the NATO allies.  
(News Agencies)

## Rabin promises Histadrut post to Haberfeld

**MICHAEL YUDELMAN**  
PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday promised outgoing Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld that he would continue to hold a senior Histadrut position, and that he, Rabin, would prevent any personal disqualifications in the coalition negotiations between Ram and Labor.  
But Ram leader MK Haim Ramon said that if Labor insists on making Haberfeld as No. 2 in the Histadrut, he would not sign a coalition agreement with it.  
Ramon said that if it leaves Haberfeld as head of the party's Histadrut faction and negotiation team, then Labor would find itself in the Histadrut opposition.  
"If Labor insists on placing this man [Haberfeld] of all people as No. 2 in the Histadrut, then with I will regretfully not be able to form a coalition with Labor," he said.  
Rabin met Haberfeld yesterday afternoon for the first time since the Histadrut elections, to coordinate Labor's positions in the negotiations with Ram and to reduce

the tension between them after weeks of trading hostile barbs.  
The meeting was arranged by Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zivli, who said afterwards that "a load was lifted from my heart, when these two finally sat down to discuss the party's positions. The meeting went extraordinarily well; in a positive atmosphere, the basic guidelines were agreed on and the road is now open for serious negotiations."  
Upon emerging from the meeting, which was also attended by other members of the negotiating team, Haberfeld said that the prime minister encouraged and supported him, and assured him full backing should Ramon attempt to settle personal accounts.  
Haberfeld said he had demanded the position of acting secretary-general or chairman of the Histadrut's trade union section and said Rabin had "declared that there would be no personal disqualifications, not only regarding myself but other people as well, and this is a problem Labor will deal with, not Ramon. I assume the premier will make this clear to Ramon too."  
Haberfeld said negotiations with Ram would become more intense this weekend, following the Histadrut's executive committee's session today to finalize the Histadrut convention date. This date, which was set on Tuesday for July 5, might be moved to the next day to accommodate both Rabin and the president, who are to attend.  
Rabin leaders yesterday vehemently denied Haberfeld's claim that Mapam and the Citizens Rights Movement - the Meretz component of Ram - had checked into the possibility of forming a coalition between Labor, Meretz and the Joint List, without Ramon.  
At the meeting of Labor's Histadrut faction earlier yesterday, Haberfeld reported that he had received a message from Mapam and CRM leaders proposing to form a coalition without Ramon. He said the messenger had insisted on keeping his identity confidential for at least two days, after which he would be ready to expose himself and those who sent him, and even pass a lie detector test.  
Haberfeld told the Labor faction that he had refused the messenger's demand to keep the proposal secret, even though it was clear that Ram's leaders would immediately deny it and thus foil such a possibility.  
Ramon's MK Ram Cohen said yesterday that "even a red herring has flesh and bones, whereas this rumor has neither. It's completely groundless because all Meretz's representatives know that Ramon was elected by the public and we could not betray that. This red herring has further minimized the possibility of reaching a coalition agreement with Haberfeld."

## Zvilli 'fed up being Labor's punching bag'

**SARAH HONG**  
LABOR Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli said yesterday that he is "fed up being the party's punching bag" and warned he would quit if he feels he has "failed to pull this party out of the mire."  
This was Zvilli's strongest statement yet on the crisis now gripping Labor, but party insiders are divided over whether it is to be taken as a hint of an impending resignation, or whether it is in fact a declaration of war against those who blame him for antagonizing Haim Ramon and for Labor's defeat in last month's Histadrut elections.  
Zvilli spoke yesterday in a gathering of Labor mayors and local council heads organized by MK Shlomo Bibbut. The participants, largely from development towns, severely criticized Labor and said that if Knesset elections were held now, the party would face disaster. They said development-town residents were severely disappointed by Labor's failure to live up to its campaign promises on socio-economic issues.  
When Zvilli took the rostrum he conceded that "Labor is in the

throes of a severe crisis. If I feel that I cannot prevent its disintegration, that I cannot pull it out of the mire, I will resign. I am fed up being the party's punching bag. No one does me any favors here. If I feel unable to rescue the party, I will draw my conclusions myself."  
He added, however, that he is "fed up hearing dastardly things said about me. I will no longer accept such bad-mouthing in the passive manner I have adopted hitherto."  
MK Dalia Itzik criticized Zvilli's recent decision to close party branches and shut down the Labor headquarters for three months as an austerity measure.  
"Party officials will lose their livelihood as a result of the closure and activists will have nothing to get up for in the morning," she said. "This is disastrous. This is the party rolling over dead. It is unthinkable that the party nerve center would be closed up."  
Labor is facing heavy debts, as its fall from power in the Histadrut means it will lose substantial funding from the labor federation.

## Palestinian activists break open sealed home in Jebel Mukaber

**BILL HUTMAN**  
PALESTINIAN activists on a campaign to open the homes of terrorists sealed by the army struck for the first time in Jerusalem yesterday.  
The activists tore down the cement and blocks that for 20 years had sealed a home in the Jebel Mukaber neighborhood in southeast Jerusalem.  
Until yesterday, the group had only broken into sealed houses in the administered territories.  
The terrorist whose home was sealed was released from jail nearly 10 years ago, so there was no reason the home should not be opened, the activists said.  
Jerusalem police, however, issued a stern warning that such actions would not be tolerated.  
Four members of the family whose house was unsealed were arrested, police spokesman Eric Bar-Chen said. "They were not involved in the actual unsealing but just [for] complicity," he said, adding that the house would be resealed.  
The identities of those who opened the sealed house are known, and they will be detained, he said.  
The group, organized by Mu'arak Awad, director of the Palestinian Center for the Study of Non-Violence, has opened some 50 sealed homes since the operation began over the weekend, Channel One reported last night.  
Awad, who was deported in 1988 and now lives in the US, left the country a day after the first homes were broken into.

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# Barak: Terror attacks down 'Hizbullah on the defensive' over past four months

THE number of terror attacks in the autonomy areas, the administered territories and inside Israel has dropped dramatically in the past four months but the decline may be temporary, Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak told the Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee yesterday.

Barak said the problems involved in the IDF redeployment in the rest of Judea and Samaria were more complicated than just the defense of the Jewish settlements.

"They are linked to our ability to prepare ourselves in case of war on the eastern front," said Barak. "I am referring to all of the deployment areas we need, including those for logistic and maintenance purposes."

Barak did not elaborate, but said that the negotiations on redeployment were a long way off, according to the Oslo timetable.

An aide to Barak presented the following figures to the committee, according to a source who attended the meeting:

- The number of violent attacks in Judea and Samaria was 108 in April and 78 in May; there have been 47 attacks so far in June.
- There were 120 violent attacks in Gaza in April and 48 in May; there have been 10 attacks so far this month.
- The number of violent attacks inside Israel was 38 in April, 15 in May and five so far in June.

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Barak said the trend began in March and also applies to riots and disturbances.

"Part of this development is due to the efforts of the Palestinian police and the very strong incentive they have to prove they are succeeding in the areas over which they have been given responsibility," said Barak.

"At the same time, I wouldn't count on this trend to continue over the long run. I hope very much that it will be maintained in Gaza and Jericho. However, we have to prepare ourselves for the possibility that I am mistaken, or that rejectionist groups such as the Hamas will try to step up their operations in Judea and Samaria and inside Israel."

Barak told the committee that the policy of allowing only married Palestinians into Israel had also contributed to the drop in terrorism.

In response to questions from MKs, the chief of staff revealed the following information:

- Palestinian sources are under the impression that the influence of Hamas has declined in Gaza and Jericho. The overall atmosphere in the self-governing areas is more liberated and open since the institution of autonomy. However, the activity in the mosques remains the same.
- A number of Palestinian fugitives have fled

to Jericho. The town is not hermetically sealed and it is easy to forge identification papers.

- The head of the Palestinian intelligence services in Jericho, Jibril Rajoub, was allowed to leave only once after being restricted to the town for making inflammatory statements.

- Israel has not distributed rifles to Palestinian police. It did leave them army field rations for a few days at the beginning of the takeover.
- There are no armed Palestinian policemen operating outside Gaza and Jericho and no Palestinian bodyguards will be allowed to travel through Israeli territory.

- Israel has released 3,400 Palestinian prisoners since the signing of the Cairo Agreement.

- The renovation of the Machpela Cave, closed since the Baruch Goldstein massacre, will be completed next month. The government will then decide when to reopen the shrine for worship.

- There are frequent incidents of Palestinian incursions and thefts across the Gaza border. Barak described the situation as "problematic."

- The army has not established a special border police unit to deal with demonstrations by Jewish settlers in Judea and Samaria. The Central Command has been reinforced by a military police unit which will handle law-breaking by Jews and Palestinians, thus freeing regular units for security duty.

THE Hizbullah is hitting back after suffering a series of painful blows which has forced it to go on the defensive, Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak told the Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee yesterday.

"Israel is doing everything it can to make life tough for the Hizbullah and set the rules of the game," a source who attended the meeting quoted Barak as saying.

"The Hizbullah in recent weeks has suffered heavy blows that are not only technical but also affect their training and operations. They are waking up to a reality in which the IDF is striking at them everywhere including their training bases. This is forcing them to invest resources and energy in protecting themselves."

In Lebanon, Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah yesterday threatened that his organization would resume firing Katyusha rockets into Israel in "defense" of towns and villages north of the security zone.

Nasrallah's comments came as Hizbullah gunmen again attacked IDF and South Lebanese Army positions inside the zone, prompting heavy artillery fire in response.

At the meeting yesterday, Barak said the IDF successes had raised the morale of the South Lebanese Army.

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However, the Hizbullah "will not disappear and will continue to do everything it can to exact a price from Israel and show what it can do," Barak added.

With regard to the ambush Monday near the Beaufort Castle in the security zone in which First Sgt. Noam Simha was killed and three soldiers wounded, Barak said: "Yesterday, there was an attack which was a blow to us, a success to them. We will have to do everything we can so that attacks like these do not recur and to be aware at the same time that the struggle in the security zone will continue."

OC Northern Command Yitzhak Mordechai visited the hospitalized soldiers yesterday.

In the zone yesterday, several mortars were fired at SLA positions in the Almatia/Shomriya region in the central sector, causing no injuries or damage.

Reports from Lebanon said IDF and SLA gunmen shelled targets around Kabriya and Majdal Salim villages, and targets further north. There were no reports of casualties due to the shelling.

Late Tuesday night, Hizbullah gunmen fired anti-tank missiles and mortars towards IDF and

SLA positions in the Talousa region, also in the central sector of the zone.

Reports from Lebanon said the attackers tried to hit an IDF armored column, but the attack failed. IDF and SLA gunmen returned fire.

Hizbullah officials said the latest wave of attacks, including Monday's ambush, was not in retaliation for the deadly IAF air raid on Hizbullah's training camp earlier this month.

The organization's deputy general-secretary Sheikh Naim Kasseem said the attacks were "simply part of the ongoing struggle which will not end as long as the occupation lasts."

Meanwhile, several Lebanese civilians have been reported wounded, and in at least one case killed, as a result of IDF and SLA shelling in response to recent Hizbullah attacks.

Nasrallah was quoted in Lebanese newspapers yesterday as saying "nothing in the world can stop Zionist shelling of our residential areas, except Katyusha rockets on its towns and villages."

Meanwhile, the *As-Safir* newspaper said Lebanon had learned through "diplomatic channels" that Israel was planning a "painful, strong and surprise military blow against Lebanon soon."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Tze'elim-2 trial resumes today

The Tze'elim-2 trial will resume today behind closed doors in the Tel Aviv Military Court. As a result of a High Court petition by the families of the five commando soldiers killed in the November 1992 accident, they will be represented in the courtroom by former Mossad head (res.) Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Hafi. The army had refused to allow them to sit in because of the classified information which would be presented in the trial.

### Peace Watch: Extradition request not made

The government has not asked the Palestinians to extradite Ragah and Amru Abu Sita, wanted for the March 1993 murder of Uri Megidish in Gush Katif, and unless it does, the Palestinians are not obligated to extradite them, the monitoring group Peace Watch said yesterday.

The two men were arrested Tuesday in the aftermath of the Fatah Hawks' closing of the road to Netzarim in the Gaza Strip, but they were released after a number of hours. Peace Watch said that under the Gaza-Jericho Accord, Israel can request the extradition of individuals suspected of serious crimes, regardless of whether the crimes were committed before or after the signing of the Declaration of Principles.

### State can't put Arafat on trial

Israel cannot put PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat on trial when he enters the autonomous region, because the Declaration of Principles states that no Palestinian allowed to enter would be tried for crimes committed before September 13, 1993, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

### Winning Cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chabbe card draw, the lucky cards were the Jack of spades, Queen of hearts, Ace of diamonds and Ace of clubs.



President Ezer Weizman welcomes 200 delegates to the Dialogue with the President meeting at Beit Hanassi yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

## Yi'ud finally okays coalition talks

SARAH HONIG

AFTER a full night of deliberations and soul-searching, the Yi'ud secretariat finally gave the faction's three MKs the green light to open coalition negotiations with Labor.

At the same time, Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zivli declared the coalition bargaining with Shas "a lost cause."

The Yi'ud decision came after what in particular was a process of attrition for MK Esther Salmowitz. She opposed the move, and only relented shortly before 6:00 a.m., when she was promised that Yi'ud would conduct the talks with Labor only in close cooperation with Judea, Samaria and Gaza settlers, and would press for the acceptance of their demands.

The Yi'ud Knesset faction was unable to break the impasse for most of the hours between Tuesday evening and yesterday morning, as MKs Gonen Segev and Alexander Goldfarb pushed for negotiations with Labor. Labor sources say that Segev has already been promised the energy portfolio and Goldfarb is to become deputy minister of housing. The Energy Ministry is currently in the hands of Police Minister Moshe Shihai, who says he refuses to yield it.

Salmowitz argued against even talking about joining the Labor-led coalition. She told the *Post* that she knows "what this leftist government's guidelines are, and I cannot see us, who are elected on the Tsomet platform which opposes ceding any territories, serving with a government whose aim seems to be to give everything away as quickly as possible to anyone who would take it."

Salmowitz stresses that she opposed any partnership or deals with Labor even when she was still in Tsomet, prior to the split which created the three-MK Yi'ud faction. Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan had on several occasions begun coalition contacts with Labor, "and I strongly opposed his moves then and told him so," she attests.

But a fatigued Salmowitz was swayed early yesterday when the matter was entrusted to the secretariat, which after 5:00 a.m. produced a document undertaking to "closely involve the Yeshu settlers in all phases of the coalition talks and in the formulation of the guidelines and principles upon which Yi'ud will steadfastly insist," Salmowitz said. "This made me feel better and hopeful that we may actually even make gains that would serve the cause of Eretz Yisrael."

The secretariat's document outlining the pre-conditions and bearing the three Yi'ud MKs' signatures was sent to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin later in the day as an official Yi'ud letter on starting negotiations. Salmowitz expressed anger over this, saying she would have signed no document had she known that it would go to Rabin as a letter.

She was told, she contends, that what she signed was an inside party document.

The Labor-Yi'ud connection is becoming tighter just as the talks with Shas seem to be what Zivli described yesterday as "a hopeless cause. I am convinced now that the talks thus far have been a sham, and Shas simply does not want and never did want to re-join the coalition, and for reasons totally extraneous to the topics it raised with Labor."

## Soldiers break up An-Najah U. student protest for prisoners

JON IMMANUEL

SOLDIERS opened fire yesterday with tear gas and rubber bullets on protesting students who streamed out of An-Najah University in Nablus.

The students began throwing stones at soldiers after holding a solidarity sit-in on behalf of Palestinian prisoners.

Palestinian sources put the number of slightly wounded students at seven, while the IDF reported nine injured. It was the first serious clash in Nablus since the Cairo agreement.

An-Najah University is near Juneid prison, where prisoners across the political spectrum were on the second day of a hunger strike demanding to be released.

The prison has 563 security inmates of whom 405 identify with Fatah and the peace process and 158 with opposition groups, according to Ahmed Sayyad, director of the Mandela Institute, an advocacy group for Palestinian prisoners.

Several dozen prisoners in Ramallah jail began a hunger strike Tuesday and Ashkelon prisoners reportedly joined yesterday, but the strike has not spread widely.

About 5,530 prisoners remain in jail together with 1,500 who could be free if they signed a pledge to remain in Gaza or Jericho, according to Sayyad.

The last hunger strike in October 1992 protested prison conditions and lasted 16 days, though the no-eating rule was not strictly observed. The strike generated

widespread violent street protests, set back peace talks and emphasized the influence of prisoners on the general public.

This time the strikers' motives are aimed as much against the Palestinian leadership as the Israeli government. "I am defending their rights against Israel and the PLO," said Sayyad.

Sayyad said after meeting with prisoners in Juneid yesterday that they are not all demanding immediate freedom, but "want a written agreement with a timetable on when they are going to be released."

The first demand is for the immediate release of 48 women prisoners to be followed by 400 medical cases and 40 prisoners aged over 50.

The strike was prompted by angry demonstrations over the controversial agreement of Gaza police chief Brig. Ziad Atrash to Israel's demand that some non-Gaza long-term prisoners remain in Jericho after their release to serve out their sentence. Although in accordance with the Cairo agreement, Palestinians were furious.

Beyond the immediate release of 5,000, the release of the remaining prisoners is to be negotiated, according to the agreement.

At a demonstration in Gaza yesterday, prisoners' families held a placard saying "The Cairo agreement is a stab in the back of our prisoners."

Rashid Abu Shabak, a deputy head of the preventive security apparatus in Gaza, admitted that agreeing with Israel to force non-Gaza prisoners to stay in Jericho was a mistake. "We agreed because we were under pressure from families demonstrating for their release. We thought it better that they stay in Jericho than stay in prison," he said.

Meanwhile, Reuters said Palestinian Police released Sami Abu Samhadaneh, a rebellious member of the Fatah leadership in Gaza, after he spent one day in jail for blocking a road leading to the Netzarim settlement, together with a dozen armed followers.

In Gaza City yesterday, the major demonstration was held by students from the Islamic University at the former civil administration headquarters next to Gaza central prison.

The students, who graduate this week, wanted to know if they were going to be jobs for them.

LABOR MK Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday he will quit his party if the government withdraws from the Golan Heights without first holding a referendum on the issue.

Speaking at a rally across from the Knesset marking the end of a four-day tractor procession to Jerusalem from Gamle in the Golan, Kahalani said, "I am willing to say publicly here that if the government withdraws from the Golan without a referendum, I will not lend my hand to this, even if it costs me my Knesset seat."

Kahalani, head of the Golan lobby in the Knesset, got into one of the 40 tractors just outside of Jerusalem and drove it into the capital.

## US can revive Israeli-Syrian talks

ANALYSIS

DAVID MAKOVSKY

US SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher has so far held back the one option that could potentially energize the utterly stalled Israel-Syria talks - a US bridging proposal.

If the importance of those talks needed a reminder, it came from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday. Speaking to a gathering of Zionist activists, he made clear that the alternative to a deadlocked peace process with Damascus could easily be renewed deadly confrontation.

The impasse in these negotiations was just underscored by Christopher's decision to postpone his originally planned trip to the region this week. One reason for the delay was that no new ideas were coming from Damascus or Jerusalem; however, they were not coming from Washington either.

Christopher, who has been exonerated in the US for Clinton administration's foreign policy failures in different parts of the world, has so far been content to remain a mere mailman, carrying messages back and forth between Jerusalem and Damascus.

An internal study just put forward by the Foreign Ministry's Policy Planning division scored Christopher for lack of determination. It said he lacks the boldness of predecessors such as Henry Kissinger or James Baker.

However, if a US bridging proposal may be out of character for Christopher, other options put forward this week by top Israeli officials seem even less promising for different reasons.

While touring military installations on the Golan Heights this week, Rabin trotted out his favor-

ite suggestion of the last year and a half - informal, top-level discussions with Syria. While Foreign Minister Shimon Peres would like to run those discussions himself, Rabin's preference is for the top-level security officials, perhaps himself or IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, to meet with the Syrians. Rabin keeps Peres informed conceptually about the on-going talks with Damascus, but does not involve him deeply in the operational mechanics.

However, who would represent Israel in talks with Syria is a moot point. Whenever Syrian President Hafez Assad is privately asked whether he would assent to such a meeting that would include a US military official at least at the start of talks, he says he has only one ever so tiny pre-condition - Rabin committing himself to full withdrawal from the Golan.

A second option was put forward this week by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, who publicly appealed to Christopher to embark upon Kissingerian month-long shuttle diplomacy.

However, this seems unlikely right now precisely because Christopher is indeed not Kissinger. Worried about failure, he sees such a high-profile approach as too big of a gamble for him personally.

Furthermore, the current US mailman option has yielded little progress since Christopher began his occasional jaunts to Assad and Rabin last August. Indeed, under the current format, there is essen-

tially no expectation that Syria or Israel will revise their positions so extensively so as to bridge their own differences.

In fact, Assad made abundantly clear to Christopher during his last visit that he would no longer negotiate on the substantive aspects of Rabin's multi-part peace package put forward in May, unless Israel commits itself first to full withdrawal.

Yet both sides have a better sense of the end of negotiations. Assad knows he will have to define his vision of peace very concretely, and detail security assurances even more meticulously, otherwise Israel will hold on to the entire Golan. At the same time, Rabin knows that there will be no peace treaty with Syria unless he is more explicit about the extent of Israel withdrawal from the Golan.

Each is waiting for the other to go first, since each believes otherwise it is politically impossible to put forward his own trump card. With other options not being feasible and with deadlock prevailing in close to three years of talks, the US should now try to break this longest-running Alphonse and Gaston routine.

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## Tape links Colombia's presidential campaign to drug traffickers

BOGOTA (AP) — Colombia's biggest drug cartel influenced the presidential race by contributing to President-elect Ernesto Samper's campaign, according to a tape of bugged conversations and TV news reports.

What is potentially the biggest political scandal in Colombian history broke open Tuesday night when TV newscasts broadcast portions of the audiotape.

Three men — identified as leaders of the Cali cartel and another man linked to the drug gang — could be heard discussing contributing millions of dollars to political campaigns.

President Cesar Gaviria ordered the tape analyzed to verify if the voices belong to Gilberto and Miguel Rodriguez Orejuela, two brothers who are alleged leaders of the Cali cartel, and Alberto Giraldo, a journalist linked to the cartel.

In a statement Samper's campaign "affirmed categorically that the (campaign's) treasury did not take in any resources of dubious origin."

Samper urged an investigation and said if any of his campaign workers are implicated, they would be excluded from his government and would face possible criminal sanctions.

The opposition newspaper *La Prensa* said yesterday that for Samper and his running mate, Humberto de la Calle, resignation or even jail "during the next four years are not remote possibilities." The newspaper is owned by the family of Andres Pastrana, the candidate who lost to Samper in Sunday's presidential election.

If authorities determine the tape is legitimate, it would indicate what US drug agents have long feared — that Colombia's democracy has been undermined by the nation's powerful billionaire drug traffickers.

In the tape, the traffickers said Samper's campaign and "the other campaign" — presumably that of Pastrana, the only other candidate in Sunday's election — accepted drug money, according to the TV reports. The newscasts did not broadcast that portion of the tape.

Another conversation seemed to imply the Pastrana campaign was offered, but refused money. The apparent contradiction was not explained.

In the tape, a man identified by TV newscasts as Gilberto Rodriguez is heard saying: "How do you see this thing with Samper, man?"

"It's in your hands. That's curious, isn't it... The reality is that they need five billion (pesos, equal to \$6.2 million), of which they have acquired two. They need three," says a voice identified as Giraldo's.

"Done. We have that," says Rodriguez.

Who made the tape is a mystery.

Pastrana said an unidentified person handed it to him a week ago while he was on a campaign trip in Cali, 300 km southwest of Bogota, according to a statement from the Defense Ministry.

## Gov't troops fighting for their lives in Kigali

KIGALI — Rebels made a big push yesterday to capture the center of the Rwandan capital, days before the expected arrival of French peacekeepers. A UN officer said government troops were fighting for their lives.

Intense firefights were heard north, south and east of the government-held center of Kigali at sunrise yesterday. 12 hours after the barrage began.

The rebel onslaught overnight sounded awesome, with long bursts of machine-gun fire supported by mortar and artillery barrages under a nearly full moon and skies clouded only by gunsmoke.

Government gunners appeared to meet the challenge in some areas. Shells fired from a nearby government stronghold hit one of

the rebels' front-line mortar trenches in eastern Kigali, killing and wounding many rebels.

The rebel shells landed within 100 yards (meters) of UN personnel, journalists and refugees based in the nearby abandoned Meridien Hotel.

UN military observers patrolling north of the city Tuesday reported seeing dozens of trucks traveling down the main road south from Byumba packed with rebels of the Rwandan Patriotic Front.

UN observers believe that despite their clear military success in taking much of Rwanda since civil war reignited April 6, the rebels — who are mostly from the minority Tutsi ethnic group — face a severe

challenge in capturing the center of the capital.

"Everyone in the middle of Kigali is armed to the teeth," said a UN officer from Zimbabwe who patrolled the government-held sector until a few days ago. "They had little to motivate them before. They could always retreat. In Kigali there is no retreat. This is a fight for survival." The officer spoke only on condition of anonymity.

France said yesterday it was determined to send troops to halt the slaughter in Rwanda as soon as it had UN approval, despite opposition in Africa and fears at home that they could be heading into a quagmire.

Prime Minister Edouard Balladur

told the National Assembly he expected the UN Security Council to give the go-ahead for the operation, code-named *Turquoise*, later yesterday.

Officials said the troops would go in today if they had the UN green light, and a defense ministry spokeswoman said the military build-up was going ahead rapidly.

Balladur pledged the operation would not last beyond the end of July. He said the troops, to be based in Zaire, would be empowered to use force but would not carry out any raid deep into Rwanda and their lives would not be put at risk.

France had a duty to intervene because of its historic African links, given the international community's inability to end "one of

The Security Council yesterday gave France approval to rush troops to Rwanda to help end the carnage which has taken an estimated half a million lives in three months of civil war and genocidal slaughter. The vote in the 15-member council was 10 in favor, with none against and five abstentions.

Abstaining were Brazil, China, New Zealand, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Some 2,000 French troops have been standing by in neighboring African countries, ready to move as soon as the council gave the green light.

the most unbearable tragedies in recent history," he said.

(News Agencies)



Eleven-month-old twins press against the window of a bus carrying about 150 people from Sarajevo to the Croatian port city of Split yesterday. Croatia has granted entrance to many refugees from Bosnia despite a previous decision to stop accepting refugees from the neighboring republic. (Reuter)

## South Yemen reports failed rocket attacks on Aden

SAN'A (AP) — Southern secessionist leader Ali Salim al-Beidh yesterday vowed never to return to the short-lived union with the dominant north as his besieged capital came under fresh attack in Yemen's civil war.

Beidh's defiant stand appeared to rule out any prospect of a negotiated settlement to the conflict or a reconciliation with President Ali Abdullah Saleh, the northern leader, following the collapse of UN mediation efforts.

Aden Radio, the voice of the separatists, quoted Beidh as telling tribal leaders from the south's oil-rich Shabwa region that he was confident his forces can defend themselves against Saleh's advancing army.

He asserted that the south will recover territory it has lost in the seven-week-old conflict to the numerically superior north and that the breakaway Democratic Republic of Yemen he proclaimed May 20 will form the nucleus of a new union.

But he stressed he would "never again" accept a union under Saleh, his bitter political rival.

Socialist South Yemen merged with conservative, tribal North Yemen in May 1990, introducing the first multi-party democracy on

the Arabian peninsula. But the union, though popular among Yemen's 14 million people, collapsed amid a vendetta between Saleh and Beidh, who accused the northern, strongman of trying to dominate the fledgling republic.

Since war erupted May 4, Saleh's forces have seized control of most of the country in fighting that is believed to have killed thousands.

Northern forces have been besieging Aden for several weeks and Saleh's government has vowed to take the southern stronghold to reunite the country by force.

His forces, including armor, artillery and multi-barreled rocket launchers, are now on the outskirts of Aden and the other southern stronghold, Mukalla, a key port to the east along the Gulf of Aden coast.

Northern shelling and missile attacks have killed dozens of people and wounded scores over the last week amid stiff resistance by southern forces.

Beidh appealed Tuesday for world pressure on the north to stop bombarding the city, once a strategic British-ruled shipping link to the Far East.

## US veterans protest Enola Gay exhibit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some US World War II veterans fear political correctness will govern the Smithsonian Institution's plans for the first public display of Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan.

They want the exhibit to focus more on Enola Gay's role in ending the war, and less on the devastating effects of the bombing.

Smithsonian officials say they have no plans to minimize graphic photographs of the destruction of more than half of Hiroshima and the deaths of some 130,000 Japanese in August 1945.

"They're trying to evaluate everything in the context of today's beliefs and whatnot," said retired Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets, who flew Enola Gay during the bombing. He called the proposed exhibit "a damn, big insult" and asked the Smithsonian to reconsider.

"It will leave you with the impression that you have to feel sorry for those poor Japanese because they were only defending their way of life," said Tibbets, 79, of Columbus, Ohio.

Not so, says Tom Crouch, chairman of the aeronautics department of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, which has been restoring the cockpit and the first 20 meters of the bomber's 30-meter fuselage.

"We've worked really hard to ensure that this exhibition is just as honest and balanced as it possibly can be," he said.

The Enola Gay, which has been sitting outside a hangar at Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland, has never been displayed publicly because the Smithsonian never had enough room for the Boeing Superfortress.

The Smithsonian is spending \$1 million to refurbish the aircraft and plans to move it to a new museum annex at Dulles International Airport outside Washington when it opens after the turn of the century.

The exhibit is scheduled to open next year at the National Air and Space Museum, with the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the end of the war.

Some veterans claim the exhibit is unbalanced.

## US, Russia talk Bosnian peace as battles go on

SARAJEVO (Reuter) — US and Russian ministers met to complete a peace plan for battered Bosnia yesterday, amid infantry and artillery fire in a central war zone, a UN spokesman said.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, en route to a NATO meeting in Brussels, said agreement on details of a big power peace plan for Bosnia was very close.

Christopher met Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev to discuss the plan, worked out by diplomats from Britain, France,

the US, Germany and Russia.

The major power initiative is expected to propose a 51-49 ethnic split of Bosnia between a Moslem and Croat federation and their Serb foes.

European diplomats say foreign ministers of the five nations have provisionally agreed to meet on July 1 and 2 to sign off on the proposals, which will then be presented to the Bosnian factions with a "take it or leave it" ultimatum.

Both sides in the Bosnian conflict have raised considerable objections to the deal. Christopher

said agreement was also close on a package of promises and threats to encourage acceptance.

In Bosnia UN officials said military activity persisted at a higher level than in the first week of a temporary truce introduced on June 10 to prepare the parties to accept the long term peace deal.

A UN spokesman in Sarajevo said infantry fighting continued all Tuesday and into yesterday to the west of Ribnica but could not say if the Bosnian Serb or the Moslem-led Bosnian army initiated the attacks.

## Simpson's alibi challenged

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson returned to court yesterday as his lawyers sought access to all evidence authorities have against the former football star in the slayings of his ex-wife and her male friend.

Meanwhile, Simpson's handyman reportedly contradicted his alibi, and a friend said Nicole Simpson stopped dating in the month before her death because she feared somebody was stalking her.

Prosecutors were seeking a speedy trial, presenting evidence before a grand jury in hopes it would indict Simpson. That would allow the case to go directly to Superior Court for trial without going through a preliminary hearing in Municipal Court.

Simpson has pleaded innocent in the June 12 slayings. His alibi has been questioned, however, and new details of the Simpsons' stormy relationship emerged.

The caretaker at Simpson's estate, Kayto Kaelin, contradicted Simpson's claim that he was at home waiting for a limousine to take him to the airport around the time of the killings, *NBC News* reported.

Also, a woman saw an enraged Simpson speed through streets a few blocks from Mrs. Simpson's condominium, where she and Ronald Goldman were slain. Simpson yelled at a driver in his way, the unidentified woman told the TV news magazine *Hard Copy*.

"He was just screaming out and freaking out at the guy," she said.

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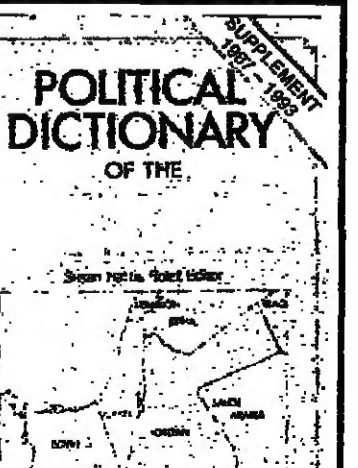
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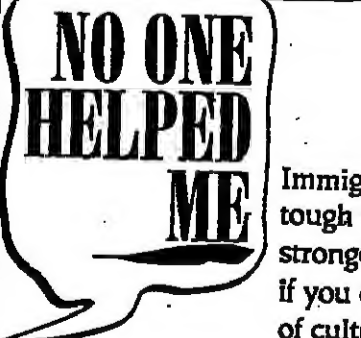
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## Gymnast crippled in motorcycle accident lets train chop off leg

LONDON, June 22 (Reuter) — A former gymnast lay on a railway line and let a train cut his leg off after he was crippled in a motorcycle accident, a British newspaper said yesterday.

Ian Hudson, 28, told *The Sun* newspaper, which carried a front-page picture of him in a hospital bed swathed in bandages: "I'm happier now it has gone."

The gruesome story began after Hudson, of Winnall in southern England, smashed his left leg when his motorcycle slid underneath a lorry six years ago.

After 20 operations to repair the leg, Hudson, who once captained a gymnastics team, was still in

agony. He decided to cut his leg off after reading a newspaper report of a man who lost a leg when he accidentally fell in front of a train, the newspaper reported.

After a row with his girlfriend, Hudson climbed a railway fence, placed his leg on the line and tied himself to a fence post so he would not be pulled underneath the train. He then fell asleep and woke when a train ran over his leg.

Hudson, now reunited with his girlfriend, told *The Sun*: "I feel as though a huge burden has been lifted from us. For the first time I can look forward to a future without pain."

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## Heat in the north

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin was merely stating the obvious when he declared on Tuesday that the best way for Syria to negotiate peace with Israel is "to sit face-to-face, on a higher level than was done until now, and talk." Indeed, Syria's consistent avoidance of this obvious road to peace casts doubt on its sincerity. It's difficult to trust a regime which says it wants peace with Israel, but forbids contacts between its high officials and their Israeli colleagues.

The reason for this Syrian intransigence is not difficult to fathom. Negotiations are a process of give and take, and entering them on a high level implies a willingness to give as well as to take. But Syria does not feel it is under any obligation to give anything at all. A captive of its own propaganda, the Damascus regime truly believes that it was wronged when Israel took the Golan Heights, and that Israel must relinquish this "occupied territory" before there can be any talk of peace.

Even after such a relinquishment, it is not clear that Syria wants to establish "normal" peace, because Israel's very existence is seen as an illegal occupation of Arab land. And while an Arab ruler may be forced by circumstances to put up with this occupation - preferably only temporarily - he does not have to make real peace with the occupier.

Syria wants to achieve its goal - Israeli withdrawal from the Golan and other territories won in 1967 before there is any serious discussion of a peace agreement - by letting both internal pressures and American arm-twisting force the Israeli government to make unilateral concessions.

To create internal pressures in Israel, Da-

mascus is using the Hizbullah as a proxy army, whose main role is to inflict Israeli casualties. Since the beginning of 1993, 41 Israeli soldiers have lost their lives on the Lebanese border. The Syrians assume that as the toll rises, Israelis will press their government to withdraw, in the hope that a withdrawal will stop the bloodshed.

The Syrians favor American shuttle diplomacy because it puts pressure on Israel. They apparently assume that since the key to peace between Israel and its immediate neighbors is in Damascus, a US administration eager to achieve a settlement in the region will press Israel to yield to Syria's demands. To its credit, the Clinton administration has resisted the temptation to act as anything more than an "honest broker."

Some leading Foreign Ministry officials in Jerusalem resent this American neutrality. Impatient to achieve results, and believing that Israel can get an agreement with Syria only if it proclaims its readiness to withdraw before negotiations begin in earnest, they want to use American pressure as an excuse for acceding to Syrian demands.

If the recent increase in Hizbullah activities is any indication, the Syrians, too, are getting impatient. They would obviously like to see more funerals of Israeli soldiers on Israel Television. Even more worrisome is the information that the Hizbullah is preparing to strike at Israeli and Western targets in Europe in retaliation for the costly Israeli raid on the organization's training camps. What the Syrians will do about such preparations, which only they and Iran can abort, will say much about the credibility of their professions of peace.

## France's brave gamble

IN every major international crisis since the Cold War, the United Nations and the West have been damned if they do intervene and damned if they don't. In Bosnia, the warring factions have ridden roughshod over world opinion because they quickly learned to take advantage of world indecision. In Somalia, the Americans and the UN managed to prevent starvation, and eventually the Somalis became fit enough to shoot at the hands that were feeding them.

Now there is Rwanda. The ordinary people of the world, moved by the hideous slaughter, have been pressuring their politicians to do something. But politicians are aware that emotional pressure to move into any foreign war can just as swiftly turn to street demonstrations against interference. The case of Belgium illustrates this clearly. As the former colonial power in Rwanda, it should have been in the best position to offer help in making peace. But since 12 young Belgian soldiers were massacred, public revulsion has made further Belgian involvement unlikely.

Much the same attitude prevails in the United States, in Britain, and in many other countries. Someone should do something - as long as it is with someone else's soldiers. In the clash between reason and emotion, and with the proliferation of ethnic warfare, paralysis and aid fatigue have never been more deeply felt. Now France has decided to take the plunge into Rwanda today and "do something." It has moved swiftly, and its 2,000

forces were reported yesterday to be building up rapidly in Zaire as the UN voted.

The French announcement has produced cynical groans of despair, rather than the commendation and encouragement it deserves. UN officials, who a short time ago were bemoaning lack of interest among member states in providing peacekeeping troops, have been heard on radio and television barely disguising their disapproval at the French intervention - although it was of course approved by the Security Council yesterday. Rebel leaders in Rwanda have said they will treat the French as an invading enemy. There has also been plenty of media carping.

Trying to help stop the slaughter in the Rwandan civil war is as difficult and thankless a task as any army could be asked to do. If it goes badly wrong, French leaders will pay a high political price at home and garner more than a fair share of sneering "told you so's" abroad. Cynics have said President Francois Mitterrand is seeking some days of French glory to mark the end of his term in ten months. But surely the French president could find easier paths to glory than in the murky, blood-soaked shambles of Rwanda.

Cynicism is the present bane of international relations. Mitterrand and his government are trying to do some good, and putting at risk the lives of their constituents' sons to do it. It is a brave decision and a courageous act. The least the world can do is to give the French full moral support and wish them success.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOLS AD

Sir, - Moshe Kohn's ignorance of the facts is exceeded only by his arrogance. In "The tired mediocrity" of May 6, he endorses his own right to express opinion while denying the rights of anyone to do the same. Even worse is the libelous accusation he levels against me. On March 18, 1994 (not March 30, as stated by Kohn), an ad appeared in *The New York Times* unconditionally condemning the massacre in Hebron while calling on Arab leaders to condemn violence against Jews and upon the media to exercise greater evenhandedness in reporting events in the Middle East. I took the initiative to coordinate the ad, which was signed and paid for by more than 1700 students from nearly two dozen Yeshiva high schools.

Kohn claims that I didn't tell the students what the money was being collected for. This is simply not true. I personally publicized the text of the ad in my own school before the students signed up for it, and faxed copies to every other institution that provided the opportunity for their students to participate. Participation was entirely voluntary, and in many schools there was intense discussion over the text of the ad as individual

students decided whether to join in the effort or not. The effort to produce the ad was a sparkling example of volunteerism, and the democratic process - the students voting with their wallets.

Had Kohn have checked his facts he would have also discovered that I am a teacher, not a principal.

RABBI ZVI GRUMET  
Riverdale, New York

### Moshe Kohn comments:

I humbly apologize for offending and hurting Rabbi Grumet and those who signed the ad he initiated. I evidently was misled by several sources I had considered reliable.

As for my allegedly endorsing my own right to express opinion while denying others the right to do the same - my point was that my opinion has no public significance of the kind Rabbi Grumet's "institutional" ad - and the AALC resolution I mentioned there - were intended to have. It was that intention which, in my opinion, disqualified the ad and the resolution. An internal educational campaign would have been another matter.

### LYDDA AIRPORT

Sir, - In 1944 and 1945, I was one of a small contingent of RAF personnel serving at Lydda Airport. I visited and worked at several of the kibbutzim. Ashdod-Ya'akov being one of my favorites.

I am writing a book about this period and would like to hear from

old friends and any Israelis who worked at RAF Lydda at this time. My address is Woodside Cottage, Mains of Gorthy, Methven, Perthshire PH13 9RE, Scotland.

PAT SHIELDS  
Methven, Scotland.

### SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT

Sir, - In your leader of June 3 entitled "The bogus scare," you suggest that environmentalists deliberately exaggerate, to the detriment of Israel's technological future.

But what of the world's future? There is a war going on between those who wish to destroy the environment and those who wish to save it, and the former are winning. The environmentalist, not having the power of big business or the support of the building and motor car lobbies, must of necessity overstate his case.

Perhaps the sordid affair of the Ashdod dunes may cause you to alter your view.

G.L. GOLDMAN

Tel Aviv.

### FOOT IN MOUTH DISEASE

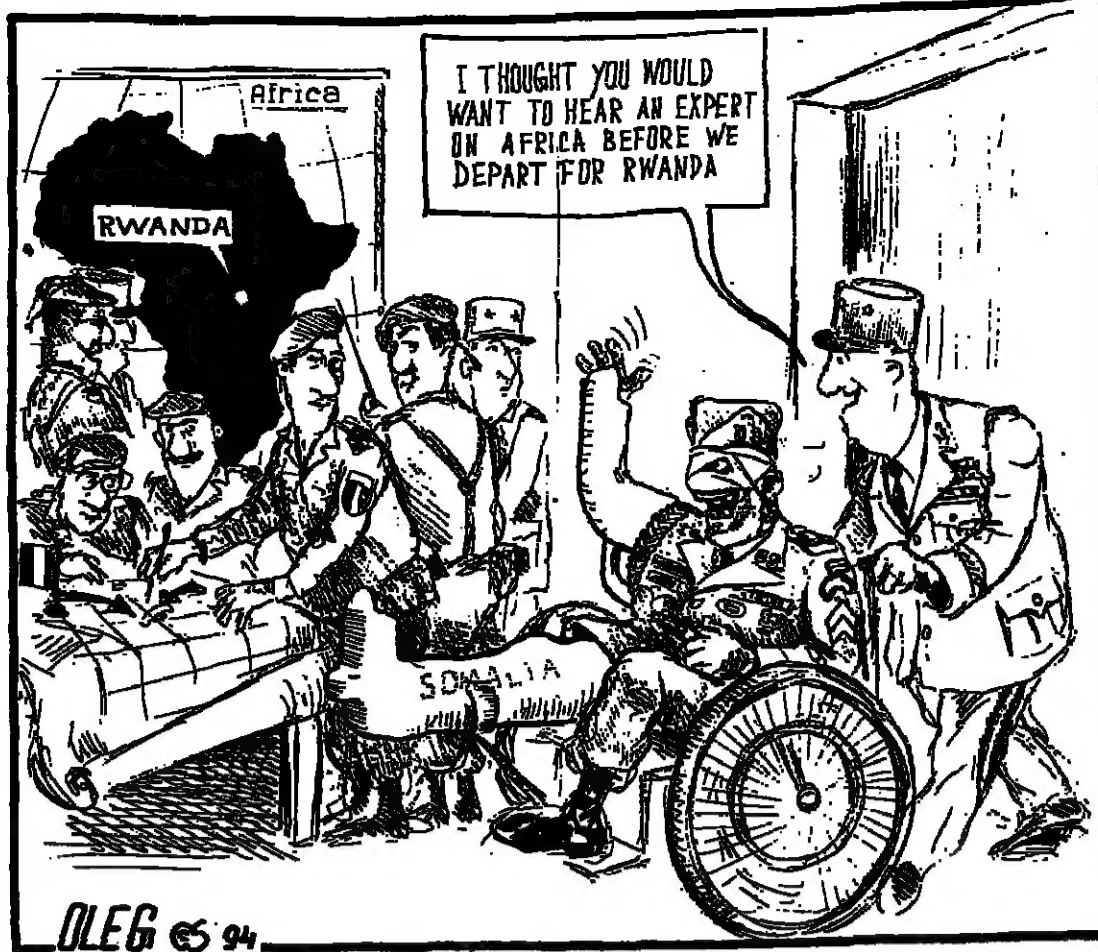
Sir, - I wonder what it will take to make Prime Minister Rabin disgusted enough to get rid of Yossi Beilin? This protégé of Shimon Peres suffers seriously from "foot in mouth disease," and as he holds an important government position, is an embarrassment to Israel.

Don't we have enough problems without having to deal with his disturbing rhetoric?

PAT SHIELDS  
Jerusalem.

ELAINE KALLET

## OPINION



## Carter, Clinton, Korea

LALLY WEYMOUTH

WHEN George Bush was president, former president Jimmy Carter proposed visiting Pyongyang. He was persuaded not to.

But when Carter recently suggested he visit North Korea, the Clinton administration took a hands-off approach. Over the past few days, Carter has dominated public discourse over America's policy toward North Korea, serving as a virtual apologist for Kim Il Sung, the brutal dictator who launched the Korean War.

Although the Carter visit has been hailed as a triumph by some in the media, many US officials are already saying privately that Kim Il Sung used the visit to buy more time to build up his nuclear program.

Clinton administration officials are privately furious, pointing out that they didn't ask the ex-president to go to Korea in the first place. One senior State Department official expressed the fear that Carter may have been taken in by the North Koreans.

A month ago, the Clinton administration warned North Korea to stop testing its nuclear reactor or separate the key rods needed to conduct a historical analysis into what happened back in 1989, when North Korea unloaded its nuclear reactor - giving that country enough plutonium to make at least one nuclear weapon, according to US intelligence.

The US told Pyongyang that not destroying the evidence relating to the defueling of its reactor was the precondition for moving to a third round of high-level US-North Korea talks.

Now, President Clinton is facing his most serious international crisis yet. He appears to have been blindsided by Carter into abandoning this fundamental element of his administration's North Korea policy.

Instead of standing by his position - which didn't even meet the minimal requirements of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (the NPT requires open and intrusive inspections at any time, any place) - Clinton has retreated. He has declared "victory" and welcomed North Korea's promises to Carter to allow International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors and equipment to stay in North Korea if high-level US-North Korea talks resume.

bomb program that could make weapons available for sale to other rogue nations in 12 to 24 months. (Some of North Korea's advanced missiles have already been sold.) If the administration accepts the Carter deal and, in effect, fails to enforce the nuclear nonproliferation regime in Korea, how can Washington encourage other countries to live up to their NPT commitments? Clinton, by all appearances, is undermining his own policy on nonproliferation.

The result: North Korea's President Kim Il Sung has won another three months of time. And the US looks like a paper tiger to all the other would-be nuclear powers. If and when Clinton is willing to draw a line in the sand, how will he persuade Kim Il Sung that this time America is serious?

Clinton would be wise to send North Korean leaders a message that if they start a war, it will be prosecuted until their regime is destroyed, and the surviving leadership will be subject to war-crime trials.

Then, instead of worrying publicly about China's cooperation, the president would do well to inform the Chinese privately that the US regards the end of the North Korean nuclear program as a matter vital to its national interest, and that China's future relationship with the US depends on how it conducts itself on this issue. Moreover, China should be warned to stay out of North Korea's nuclear war.

Simultaneously, the president must begin to build up US troop strength in the region as a defensive move against the vast forces North Korea has deployed within striking distance of South Korea's capital.

Washington must stop looking to America's South Korean and Japanese allies, expecting them to be strong when it is indecisive. The Clinton administration must demonstrate the political will to resolve this issue on its terms, or capitulate. The latter means upsetting the balance of power in Asia and throwing away the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty - leaving a North Korea armed with nuclear weapons aplenty, available for sale to other terrorist nations.

North Korea has showed that it is unwilling to live by reasonable standards. It has violated the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and is engaged in building a major

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## POSTSCRIPTS

### PICTURE POSTSCRIPT

A SCENE from the movie *China Town* has Jack Nicholson confronting Faye Dunaway, demanding to know the identity of a girl. "She's my daughter," he slaps her. "She's my sister." Slap. "She's my daughter and my sister."

In a chillingly bizarre instance of life imitating art, a year later, Nicholson discovered that the woman he thought was his mother was really his grandmother, and the woman he thought was his sister was really his mother.

*Vanity Fair* magazine said Nicholson only found out who his mother was when he was 37, when a man wrote him and claimed to have fathered him with June Nicholson, the woman he was raised to think was his older sister.

Nicholson, now 56, was not disturbed by the revelation at all, telling the magazine, "How can I be upset by something that worked?" His aunt, Lorraine Smith, whom he was also raised to think was a sister, said the actor came to her and asked what the letter was all about.

"I had to tell him. 'Yes, June is your mother,'" Smith told the magazine, adding that the man who claimed to be his father was not, as far as she knew.

Smith said her sister June had dated a lot of men and never confided who the father was. She had Nicholson out of wedlock at age 17 and her mother, then 39, claimed him as her own, saying he was a "change-of-life baby."

### LURIE'S WORLD



## Cheers!

HILLEL THALMAN

IT'S a shame that Americans like Charles Krauthammer are deprived of some excellent, enlightening Israeli TV programming.

In "Varied Vices" (*The Jerusalem Post*, June 13), Krauthammer points to a curiosity: that it is easier to purge society of tobacco than of alcohol. The implied reason is that tobacco only ruins your health, whereas alcohol also changes your behavior for the worse - and these days bad behavior confers a kind of immunity.

Indeed, rather than condemn those who misbehave, society condemns itself for inducing the misbehavior. Krauthammer, an alert Zionist, has surely noticed how Israelis condemn themselves - or one another - for the crimes of inducing stone-throwing, inducing firebombing, and then inducing unemployment where the stone throwers and firebombers live.

Israeli guilt-tripping in news-casts and documentaries well fits Krauthammer's theory of the liberal reformer afraid to assume moral superiority.

But if Krauthammer were to watch our Channel 2 half an hour before the Saturday evening news, he might see that alcohol is allied with a force yet more powerful than the liberal's moral relativism: It's allied with the capitalist's greed.

The Channel 2 program, *Firma*, covers the advertising and marketing professions. Recently, the producers invited eight ad agencies to submit plans for a campaign

The ad business is coolly, busily selling the image of the young, happy, beautiful drinker

against drunken driving. Now that we've seen all eight, the similarities are striking.

Aside from the drunken driving itself, virtually everything about alcohol is shown favorably. The drinkers are young, successful, looking, friendly, attractive. They are having the time of their lives. No one is picking fights, molesting women, throwing up, or otherwise causing embarrassment. As long as you don't drive, the ads imply, drinking is nothing to worry about: not tonight, and not the morning after. While ostensibly discouraging drunken driving, the advertisers are encouraging drunken everything else.

JUSTIFYING THE happy drinkers, the advertisers submit that scare tactics don't work. They don't?

Sudden, extreme tactics don't work, says Krauthammer. But the anti-smoking campaign in America was almost all scare while it was still gathering the strength to start inconveniencing public smokers. After many years, it has reduced the percentage of American smokers from 42 to 26.

But though the tobacco industry is a big one, it is self-contained, with few outside allies. There are no tobacco-smoking dens.

For alcohol, there are pubs, offering entertainment and all the trimmings. Alcohol lowers your resistance to all kinds of expensive temptations, whereas tobacco doesn't tempt you to buy anything else - except more tobacco.

There's no consumer like a young person looking for sex. The right cosmetics and hair-style, the right wardrobe, the right entertainment: all must be bought. The right decor at home, the right music, and the right choice of drinks. All must be updated and replenished. The sooner young people start their mating displays, the better for merchandisers in all fields.

No wonder the brewers have hopefully put hard cider on the market as a bridge to guide young people from juices to alcohol. Shandy (lemon beer) didn't succeed here when it was marketed a few years ago, with the help of Rod Stewart. But maybe hard cider will, now that the ads for it feature a female "skinhead," echoing teenagers' confusion about all things sexual.

At best, ads that say "Have all the alcohol you want, but don't drive" are like ads that say "Have all the sex you want, but use condoms."

With luck, they may protect more people from the dangers they acknowledge than they tempt into the dangers they ignore.

But at worst, like the bald idiot in the cider ad, they exploit troubledness rather than appealing to healthiness. And the alcoholic, one of our most troubled members of society, is self-destructive by nature.

Capping a happy evening at the pub with a car crash is, in the hurt musings of the most melancholy drinkers, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

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## My grown daughter keeps seeking her father's love

DEAR RUTHIE  
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,  
I am a divorced mother of grown children. They went through the split while they were growing up. I haven't remarried, but my ex-husband has. He and his wife have never been very warm or inviting where our children are concerned. Unfortunately, one of my daughters is still suffering from this, to the point where she and her father are hardly on speaking terms. I would like to help her stop having the kind of expectations of her father that will never be met. He is simply not a loving person. How can I help her out of her misery?

Mom in Malaise  
Tel Aviv

Dear M in M,

As the ex-wife of your daughter's father, you aren't the best person to help her lower her expectations. Your daughter may feel you are getting some satisfaction out of her father's bad behavior toward her, even if this isn't true.

And even if you could prove that she simply isn't a loving person, your daughter would still feel hurt and want him to change.

What you can do is suggest she see a therapist to help her work out her conflicting emotions about her father. She is undoubtedly suffering from guilt along with her hurt feelings.

You should offer your daughter a shoulder to cry on. But if she takes you up on the offer, don't use it as an opportunity to lash out at your ex. Use it to boost your daughter's self-esteem.

Dear Ruthie,

Eight months ago, my wife packed up the kids and left to think about our relationship and "have some space." I know for certain that she was having an affair at the time.

She denies it. Since then, I have started seeing someone, though it isn't serious. Now my wife and I are trying to work things out, for the children's sake.

My one condition for getting back together is honesty, however, and my wife continues to lie. I have told her about the woman in my life. I think that if she can't be truthful about something so impor-

tant, we have no chance. What do you think?

Hustled Husband?  
Eilat

Dear H H,

If your wife is lying, it could be she feels it's too late to come clean. Having once denied the affair, she is in a bind about admitting it now.

Or perhaps she doesn't want your breakup to be attributed to another man, as this would cheapen her exit from the home. You were able to admit to having another woman because you began seeing her only when it was "legitimate" to do so.

If you and your wife can manage to work things out to your mutual satisfaction, then perhaps she will feel more comfortable about discussing this sore point at a later date.

Dear Ruthie,

A friend of mine borrowed NIS 50 from me some weeks ago. I know she has forgotten about it, and I'm too shy to ask for it back.

I think this is because I don't want to feel cheap. In some ways, it isn't a lot of money, but in other ways, it is. Should I forget about it? I don't think I'm capable of being straightforward.

Useless User  
Jerusalem

Dear UU,

Your problem is that, like most of us, you want to be thought of as a generous person who keeps no scores. The only difference is you're carrying it to extremes.

You'd be doing yourself a great favor by using this occasion as an opportunity to see that no one will, in fact, think any the less of you for getting your NIS 50 back. On the contrary: Your friend will feel bad for having forgotten about it.

If you can't just ask for it in a straightforward way, the next time you go shopping or to a cafe together, casually claim to be low on money and ask if she wouldn't mind paying "instead of reimbursing" you for the NIS 50.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)



Picturesque Wroxham is one of the villages where visitors navigating the man-made waterways of Norfolk and Suffolk can dock and rest.

## Low-cost, low-key week on the boards

TRAVEL

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

FAR from the madding crowds and noise of London and even farther from the hustle and bustle of home, two eastern counties of England, Norfolk and Suffolk, are ideal locations for a low-cost week's break.

A visit to the Norfolk and Suffolk broads (lakes) offers opportunities to enjoy sailing, cruising and walking in an area rich in wildlife and plants.

I was invited as a guest of the British Tourist Board, which is promoting the Blakes company's one-week boat and cottage holidays on the broads.

Many may choose to spend a week relaxing on the lakes after a few days of hectic shopping and sightseeing in London. You don't have to sleep on board, but the best way to discover the area is by boat.

The broads are man-made phenomena. During early medieval times much of the area was dug up for peat but then abandoned because of a rise in the sea level. Generations of waterside dwellers, in their flat-bottomed craft, gradually turned the broads and their connecting rivers into commercial highways.

A variety of crafts offer the visitor a chance to escape to some of the quieter, remoter parts of this nationally protected area. I sailed on a cruiser that was steered from

the central saloon area. It had an all-weather sliding roof and sleeping accommodations for six at the front and back.

The boat was fully equipped with beds and bedding, crockery, cutlery, gas and electricity and temperature-controlled showers.

There are certain advantages to living on board. You don't have to bother with tedious packing and unpacking whenever you want a change of scene.

You dock at a different place each evening and during the day disembark for a spot of sightseeing, walks in the country or meals at waterside pubs.

From Wroxham, a picturesque village, I headed downstream to Horning. I didn't have to cruise far to find tranquility and nature. The riverside gardens and wider areas of flat countryside provide homes for large flocks of hybrid ducks and geese.

My first attempt at sailing was surprisingly easy. Neither a license nor previous experience was required. In fact, it took only five minutes to get the hang of it.

The speed limit on most stretches is 6 mph or less. The speed restrictions are intended to pre-

vent bank erosion. Keeping within speed limits may be frustrating at times, but if you don't obey the limits there is a maximum fine of £1,000.

IN ADDITION to a boat holiday, Blakes is offering cottage holidays. Those who suffer from motion sickness on water or who fear the weather may be too cold for sailing or who simply prefer touring by car, can rent a cottage.

Cottages may be isolated, or in small hamlets, or located in a working environment, like a farm, where children can befriend and feed the animals. From the cottages, visitors can go on country walks, try riding or fishing, visit castles, markets and seaside towns.

I visited several cottages available for rent. Some of the older properties have special features such as narrow stairs, low ceilings and stone fireplaces. All are furnished, some to very high standards.

Watermeadow Farmhouse, situated in beautiful Waveney valley, South Elmham, is a detached, timbered cottage on a working arable and livestock farm. The land-

scaped grounds include a large lake with two islands, dinghy, summerhouse, hayloft, games room and ponies.

The three-bedroom cottage has a ground-floor sitting room, large open fireplace with wood-burning stove, fully equipped kitchen with Aga cooker and bathroom. The first floor includes an additional sitting room, a double bedroom with en-suite bathroom, one twin-bedded room and a shower room. Steep stairs lead to a second floor landing and one twin-bedded room under the eaves.

Street Farm Cottages in Suffolk are less luxurious, but also beautiful. The cottages are situated on a farm which rears calves and piglets. The owners, Peter and Marie Smith, encourage children to take an interest in the farm and the animals, including hens, ducks, ponies, a donkey and kittens. The farm has a heated swimming pool, an indoor games room, and a large meadow with swings, slides and a trampoline.

During the day there's plenty to do, but night life is limited to local restaurants and village pubs, which close around 11 p.m. Even the discos in the nearby

city of Norwich, which mainly attract teenagers, close at 2 a.m. According to local residents, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights are the "best nights out." Norwich doesn't offer much entertainment during the rest of the week.

I FLEW from Tel Aviv to London with ExCalibur Airways, a new charter airline working with Arka. The service on the 4½-hour flight was friendly and adequate, and relatively inexpensive at \$400. The cheapest way to get from London to Norwich is by train, which takes about 1¼ hours. The cost of a return ticket is £20 per person.

Gordon Tours, Tel Aviv, is selling Blakes cottage and boat holidays. Renting a craft suitable for a family of five costs about £500-£700 p.w. A cottage for five ranges from £300 to £400 p.w. If you rent a cottage, renting a car is essential.

For nature lovers, relaxation seekers and those with a limited budget, a holiday in Norfolk and Suffolk is ideal, especially in the summer when the countryside is at its best. A word of warning, however: Spending a full week here is not recommended for the adventure-seeking traveler. Holidays on the broads are best suited for older vacationers and families.

## Wheelchairs, stay out

TRAVEL TIPS

HAIM SHAPIRO

ONLY 27 of some 200 hotels here are fully accessible for wheelchairs, according to a survey by the Israel office of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The survey found that many new hotels, as well as old ones, have restaurants, pools, synagogues and other facilities that can be reached only by stairs.

It also found that only 51 of 208 museums and 37 of 118 nature reserves and national parks are fully accessible.

Individuals, organizations and travel agents wishing to know the degree of accessibility of specific places can call Millie Ben-Shitrit at 02-557145, or write to Database Information Center, Joint Israel, POB 3489, 91034 Jerusalem.

VILLAS AND holiday flats in locations around the Mediterranean are now available through Rimona Tours.

In Portugal's Algarve, the weekly rental for a villa sleeping six starts at \$1,020, while rental for an apartment for four starts at \$600.

In Crete, the starting price for an apartment for four is \$620, while in Malta it is \$1,040. In some locations, apartments and villas are also available for shorter periods.

LUFTHANSA, with Avis, is offering passengers what it claims are the lowest car rental rates in Europe. Prices, which include taxes and comprehensive third-party insurance, start at DM 343 (about \$209) for a week and DM 931 (about \$564) for 21 days.

FOR VISITORS to the US, Mega Travel Services has an arrangement whereby a group of up to four can buy coupons entitling them to a room at selected hotels and motels in the Holiday Inn, Ramada, Dave's Inn and Howard Johnson chains, together with an economy rental car.

Known as Super-Pass coupons, they cost \$52 a day for Florida and \$60 for California, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and Montana.

Cars picked up at one location in the western states can be returned at another without a surcharge. The scheme is available through travel agents.

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should remember that they automatically receive travel insurance with their card.

Recently, the company has lowered the deductible payment for medical attention or loss of luggage from \$130 to \$50. It has also raised the age limit from 65 to 75, with coverage available for an extra payment for those in the 75 to 80 age bracket.

Card holders who may have unintentionally discarded the policy can call the company to receive a replacement.

A GROUP fare ticket to Hungary on Malev Airlines now includes a free five-night stay in Budapest's Forum Hotel. The deal is being offered through Holidays Tours.

VIRGIN ATLANTIC Airways is now asking passengers and crew to separate the bottles, cans and papers in the debris generated during the flight.

A special attendant, dressed in green, keeps watch over the garbage and tells careless passengers of the merits of recycling.

A \$99 package to Cyprus, mentioned in last week's column, had an incorrect date, supplied by the PR firm representing the tour company. The offer is no longer available. We regret any inconvenience to our readers.

## On the road to Truth, stop for a commercial

BOOKS

MICHAEL SILVERBLATT

FROM THE TEETH OF ANGELS, by Jonathan Carroll. Doubleday, 212 pp. \$22.

I tend to like prose at its most crystalline - Nabokov, say, Collette, Calvino.

What am I doing, then, loving the harum-scarum roller coaster of high imagination and lowdown manipulation built by Jonathan Carroll?

He is not always in control of his materials; his novels of the supernatural have well-worn "Twilight Zone" elements. And yet I read them with a panicky thrill, too excited to keep reading, too excited to stop.

His books treat otherworldly themes, but you enter willingly because his characters remind you of your best, most creative friends from college - they have somehow miraculously made it, become the actors, poets, scientists or journalists that you hoped they would be. Even at his scariest, Carroll treats his characters with a generosity and tenderness that makes you want to protect them.

From the Teeth of Angels offers its enormously appealing people

the opportunity to talk to Death, to ask it questions, to reason with it. We would all like a word or two with Death, we need to revenge ourselves on it. Carroll's audacity is high-wire and brave; I finished the book with a crazy feeling of revelation. I needed debriefing, reorientation.

Every time I finish one of Carroll's books (there are eight of them), I try to detach myself from the experience. His best books rearrange me, and as I make my way back to daily consciousness I start to rationalize and criticize. Until the realization comes: the pleasure and vertigo of Carroll's writing infuses uncomfortable, childish feelings. I want to protect myself from the scary, silly thrills in his books, and I use the imperial yardstick of Serious Literature to distance myself from pleasure.

I think this is the worst thing criticism can do, overlook the ecstasy of reading and back away from intensity. Great readers are

connoisseurs of pleasure. If you have loved George MacDonald's *The Princess and Curdie*, or the Oz books, or even *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, you might want to deepen or elaborate their mysteries rather than dismiss them.

Carroll's fiction seduces you into creepy places, and it flabbergasts you and leaves you there feeling stupid and holding an empty bag.

That is his gift - why should the solemn part of you that hates to be afraid and hates to be fooled win in the end? You stay true to the original delirium, and you embrace Jonathan Carroll.

Great reading experiences frequently come from the unsettling confusion of high seriousness and low cunning. Carroll's mixture of metaphysics and television is his best invention - you think you're on the high road to Revealed Truth, and suddenly it's time for a soul-abrading commercial.

From the Teeth of Angels begins

with a letter from a man named Jesse who tells about someone he has met who has sinister dreams. In the dreams, a dead friend appears, offering to answer questions about death. The difficulty is that the answers must be understood. If the dreamer awakens in the morning with wounds and scars, he has been punished, he has not understood the answers, and he must ask better questions in the next night's dreams.

Death appears and reappears in unpredictable disguises; he changes from a figure in a travel agent's nightmare to a living lover of a reclusive movie star. Death meets the host of a popular children's show, a Pee-wee Herman type, and they get along well; they like each other's jokes. Death is capable of surrealism, and romance; he can bring you your mother's lost diaries or show you the birth and death of your cells.

The reader feels the effects of the supernatural give way to the

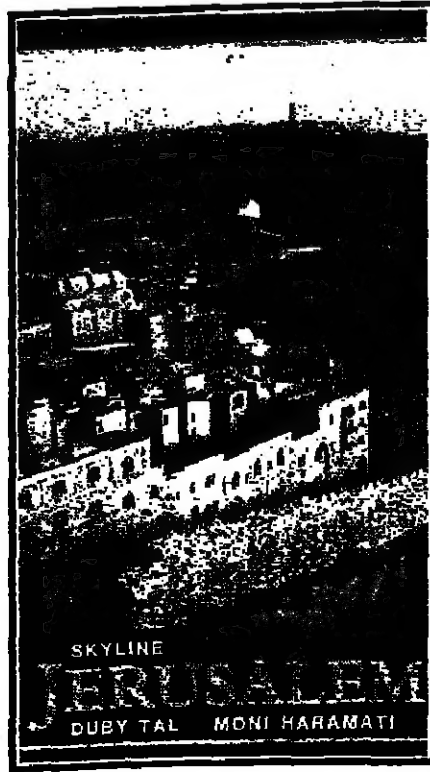
bombardments and overload that are the hallmarks of postmodern fiction. In England and Germany, where Carroll is popular, his kind of writing has been named "hyperfiction."

The three Carroll books I particularly recommend are his first, *The Land of Laughs*, his third, *Bones of the Moon*, and this most recent. Once you're hooked you have to read all of his novels because characters and incidents recur.

It's the blatant commercialism of Carroll's imagination that makes these novels new and different. Without it, they might be quaint and forlorn, but because of his naked desire to amaze, to take you on a fast, bumpy ride, the books are wild and disturbing.

Carroll loves film director Tim Burton (*Pee-wee's Big Adventure*, *Beetlejuice*, *Edward Scissorhands*, *Batman*), but he also loves the highly intellectual Robertson Davies, Michael Ondaatje, James Salter and John Ashbery. He's a movie-generation virtuoso with the literary sensibility of a metaphysical eccentric.

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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

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## Treasury had to learn of allegations against Tsubari through the press

Hapoalim: Any stock manipulation victims will be compensated

EVELYN GORDON and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

DURING the months of investigation into alleged stock manipulation by Gmulo deputy managing director Eylon Tsubari, none of the parties involved bothered to inform the Treasury's capital markets division, which is responsible for supervising provident funds.

This was revealed to the Knesset finance committee's capital markets subcommittee yesterday.

"We weren't informed - we learned about the matter from the newspapers," said Moshe Saguy, deputy director of the division.

This emerged after both Securities Authority chairman Arye Minkevitch and the Bank of Israel's supervisor of banks, Ze'ev Abeles, denied they were responsible for supervising provident funds.

When the MKs asked who was, and were told it was the Treasury, Dan Tichon (Likud) demanded to know whether either Minkevitch, Abeles or Bank Hapoalim - all of whom knew of the investigation - had bothered to inform the Treasury. All admitted they had not.

Meanwhile, Bank Hapoalim chairman Emmanuel Sharon confirmed that the bank's board of directors has decided to compensate provident fund investors for damages incurred as a result of Tsubari's alleged manipulation, should there prove to be any. The bank yesterday ran advertisements in three newspapers stating this intention.

"The bank's management clarifies that if the results of the examination or legal actions taken by the [Securities] Authority show that

customers were hindered, management will make sure the funds will not suffer the loss," the advertisement said. "The bank's management is confident there is no reason for concern that the funds members will be hindered as a result of the offenses suspected."

"At this stage, we don't know the details of the [Securities Authority's] investigation, so it is difficult to assess the damage," Sharon told the committee. "But in any event, we intend to compensate investors for the damage, to the extent that there is damage."

Sharon also said the bank would punish senior managers if they were found to have been responsible, either by commission or omission, for Tsubari's actions. So far, however, the authority is not investigating anyone from Hapoalim except Tsubari, he said.

The bank has hired the Kesselman and Kesselman accounting firm to assess the damages caused by Tsubari, as well as to examine the regulations governing the provident fund and recommend any changes it thinks necessary.

Last month, Hapoalim's shareholders appointed Kesselman and Kesselman to act as the bank's auditors, in addition to the Hart and Haft accounting firm.

The bank's decision to appoint Kesselman and Kesselman follows the resignation last week of Dvora Tomer, head of Hapoalim's internal audit division, due to the Securities Authority's investigation of Tsubari.

"The authority is investigating Tomer on suspicions of concealing

information regarding Tsubari's activities.

Sharon explained to the capital markets subcommittee that Tomer did her own investigation of Tsubari and told Hapoalim's management in March that while his actions appeared suspicious, all had reasonable explanations.

Then, in May, he heard from Minkevitch that the Securities Authority found Tomer's explanations completely unconvincing, and it even suspected her of concealing information. Two days later, Minkevitch told the same thing to Abeles, and Abeles informed Hapoalim that under those circumstances, Tomer could no longer continue in her job.

Subcommittee chairman Silvan Shalom (Likud) said it was outrageous that Hapoalim hadn't told Abeles of the Securities Authority's suspicions about Tomer, and that Hapoalim needed to be told by Abeles that she had to quit.

"[Furthermore], the entire [Tsubari] affair should have been brought to the public's attention much more quickly and much more clearly," Shalom said.

However, Abeles defended the bank, saying that by law, it has three days to report to him on such matters, and only two had elapsed when he approached Hapoalim on the issue.

Sharon said he couldn't have fired Tomer any sooner, because that would have required a board decision, and the authority had forbidden him to report on the investigation to the board.

Last week Hapoalim joint man-



Silvan Shalom: The entire affair should have been made public much more quickly and clearly. (Uzi Keren)



Emmanuel Sharon: Senior managers will be punished if they are responsible for Tsubari's actions. (Photo Fuchs)

aging director Dr. Shimon Ravid said the bank's internal control division is expected to present an overall report on Hapoalim's control network at its capital market divisions by the end of July.

The bank plans to adjust its control network according to the report's recommendations.

Minkevitch, Abeles and Saguy all insisted that the Tsubari affair didn't indicate any deficiencies in the government's supervision of the stock market.

"One of the elements that points to a well-ordered market is that criminals are caught," said Minkevitch. "This isn't a phenom-

enon that has worsened significantly in the past year."

"Every system has holes in its net," added Saguy.

In April, Tsubari was placed under house arrest and ordered to pay bail of NIS 450,000 by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

According to the Securities Authority, Tsubari took advantage of provident fund members' money to artificially inflate the price of several stocks held by brokers Koby Ramot and Roni Ben-David.

Profits earned from the stock manipulations were allegedly divided between the three suspects.

## Egged, Dan to jointly bid for Tel Aviv railway

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE country's two major bus cooperatives, Egged and Dan, yesterday signed an agreement to establish a jointly-owned company to plan, set up and operate a suburban railway in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area.

According to Egged chairman Shlomo Levin and Dan chairman Alex Abramovitch, the new company would soon be in a position to run the railway.

The train's route would go from Rishon LeZion, via Jaffa, Neve Zedek, Kikar Hamaot, the South Tel Aviv Railway Station, Malchei Yisrael Square and Rehov Dizengoff.

Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, in whose office the agreement was signed, said it was the first step in the unification of the two companies.

At the same time he warned that Egged and Dan had no assurance they would be the ones to win the tender to plan and run the suburban line.

Kessar suggested that after the merger the two bus cooperatives should be listed on the stock exchange so "they will no longer have to stand with outstretched hands outside the office of the finance minister."

## Koor Industries buys 50% stake in Eurodollar

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

KOOR Industries yesterday announced it has signed an agreement to purchase a 50 percent stake in Eurodollar Rent-a-Car company for \$1 million from the Fiat-Lancia-Alfa group.

The purchase will be made through Koor Tourism Projects, a fully-owned subsidiary of Koor.

According to the agreement, Koor will manage the company in the framework of Fiat-Lancia-Alfa's policy to reduce its activities in the rent-a-car field.

Eurodollar owns a fleet of 1,200 vehicles, including 350 rented through leasing contracts. Approximately one-third of the company's vehicles were purchased last month in the framework of its policy to replace cars after the first 20,000 kilometers.

Eurodollar is the exclusive local representative of the US Dollar Rent-a-Car company and the European Eurodollar International firm.

The Eurodollar chain operates nine branches across the country. Koor Tourism made its first move into the tourism field last year with the purchase of the Kinrot Hotel in Tiberias, which is to

be expanded from 112 to 120 rooms.

Since then, the Kinrot group has signed agreements to build a 240-room hotel in Nazareth and manage a 184-room hotel in Eilat, which is to be expanded to 260 rooms.

Koor is currently in negotiations to construct another hotel in Eilat. In addition, the Israel Corporation and Koor have recently linked up to develop a joint tourism program.

According to the agreement, Koor will manage two Israel Corp. hotels in Eilat and Nazareth.

Koor Tourism chairman Yehuda Milo said the company hopes to manage 2,500 hotel rooms by the year 2000.

Sources in the hotel industry said Koor and Israel Corp. are negotiating with the international Sheraton chain to receive the franchise to manage Sheraton hotels in Israel and the Middle East.

Israel Corp. is the owner of the building occupied by the Jerusalem Sheraton Plaza Hotel.

In the aviation field, Koor Tourism has a 15% stake in Kanaf Airlines and Aviation.

## Greenspan warns of allowing inflation to re-emerge

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan called the US economic outlook the brightest in decades and warned of the danger of allowing inflation to re-emerge, but declined to comment on the faltering dollar.

"Having paid so large a price in reversing inflation processes to date, it is crucial that we do not allow them to re-emerge," Greenspan said yesterday in prepared testimony to the House budget committee.

Greenspan's prepared testimony, which has been keenly awaited by nervous financial markets, made no mention of the dollar, which has fallen sharply recently.

However, in his opening remarks to the committee, Greenspan said both he and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen have been following the recent movement of the dollar very closely and are not indifferent to its fluctuations.

"I thought it would be appropriate to inform the committee that Secretary Bentsen and I have been following developments very closely because we cannot be indifferent to major movements in our currency," Greenspan said.

Greenspan said he did not intend to discuss the dollar further in his testimony, although he acknowledged that the foreign exchange markets "have been the focus of considerable attention in recent days."

The dollar plunged Tuesday to its lowest level against the yen since World War II, and to a nine-month low against the mark.

Currency traders have been expecting some form of central bank intervention to prop up the ailing currency.

Before Greenspan's speech, Budget committee chairman Martin Olav Sabo asked Greenspan to explain the recent weakness in the dollar.



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## Two United Mizrahi employees fired after stealing \$45,000 from bank's mutual fund division

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

UNITED Mizrahi Bank has fired two of its workers after the internal control division revealed they stole \$45,000 from the bank's mutual fund division, the bank announced yesterday.

A clerk working at a Mizrahi branch in Jerusalem and a stock exchange floor trader stole the money from Emda American mutual fund, which specializes in in-

vestment in shares traded abroad.

Capital market sources said the workers opened an intermediate account through which they purchased securities for Emda American. According to the sources, immediately after the purchase the securities were sold to the bank's mutual funds at inflated prices.

The bank's internal control division first picked up on the workers' actions during a routine check last month. After an investigation into the workers' actions, the bank's management informed the Securities Authority and supervisor of banks of the incident.

The bank also issued a formal

complaint with the police.

The two clerks were forced to leave the bank and instructed to return the stolen money.

"No damage was caused to the mutual funds," a Mizrahi spokesman said.

He refused to name the suspects or provide details on how the money was stolen.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bill would make inside information abusers liable for damages: Anyone with access to inside stock market information who uses it to cause proven financial loss to a specific shareholder would be held personally accountable and be liable for damages to the victim, under a bill approved yesterday in preliminary reading. The bill was sponsored by MK Haim Oron (Meretz).

Investors sign up for Nablu-based cement firm: A Palestinian firm planning to build the first cement plant in the territories said yesterday it received requests for shares worth \$1.5 million on the first day of a public share subscription.

The Palestinian Cement Company P.C. began on Tuesday a month-long share subscription worth 4.4 million Jordanian dinars (\$6.22 million) to fund construction of the factory. Chairman Mousadak Nasif said the company, based in Nablu, received requests for about a quarter of the offer on the first day. Reuters

Germany Telekom here 'courting' Bezek: Two officials of Germany Telekom have arrived here to meet with Bezek management, apparently to obtain information about the company and its planned offering of shares this fall. The officials are Michael Behr, head of Germany Telekom's Europe/Middle East department, and Dr. Jörn Klockner, of the international affairs department.

The Bezek spokesman would not give any details, but said Germany Telekom is one of several large foreign companies "courting" Bezek because of its excellent reputation abroad.

Israel options indexes planned for AMEX: Options trading for American depositary receipts of Israeli and Mexican firms will be available on the American Stock Exchange, pending US Securities and Exchange Commission approval, an AMEX official said yesterday. No date was given for the start of trading.

Electric Corp. expected to appoint Peled today: The Israel Electric Corporation board of directors committee responsible for the appointment of a new managing director is expected to appoint Rafi Peled today. He is supported by both Energy Minister Moshe Shahal and Electric Corp. chairman Adi Amora. Uriel Lynn is alone among the seven board members who has expressed objections to the appointment.

Warshavsky named to board of IAA: Eli Warshavsky, general manager of Telrot-Golden Wheels and president of IAA-Israel, was named to the board of directors of the International Advertising Association at the association's world congress held recently in Mexico.

Sanbar to US professor - Write book on TASE: Bank Leumi chairman Moshe Sanbar proposed at a Tel Aviv University seminar earlier this week that Prof. Thomas Sargent from Stanford University and the University of Chicago write a book titled *Distorted Rationality and the Israeli Stock Exchange*. Sargent is the author of three books: *Rational Expectations and Inflation*, *Dynamics of Macroeconomics and Bounded Rationality*.

Local art expected to break auction records: A self-portrait by Rubin and a painting of Mount Carmel by Ardon are expected to break auction records and fetch over \$150,000 at the 34th Gordon Gallery Auction in Tel Aviv next Wednesday and Thursday. An etching by Picasso and a landscape by Lesser Uri are also features of an auction list dominated by local artists. The works go on preview at the Gordon Gallery today.

## Meridien hotel chain interested in local market

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE French Meridien hotel chain, which is owned by Air France, is interested in extending its activities here, an official of the company told Tourism Minister Uzi Baram yesterday.

Francesco Nosedà, vice president of Meridien, the second largest hotel chain in Europe, said the company is interested in reaching management agreements soon with existing hotels in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Eilat.

Meridien currently has hotels in the Gulf states, Syria, Tunisia and Egypt. In the long-term, the company might also be interested in joint investments with Israeli or foreign companies to erect new hotels, he said.

Nosedà said his three-day visit

to Israel convinced him the first city in which the chain should seek a hotel is Jerusalem, even though Meridien's properties usually are in centers of business tourism.

Tourism Ministry director-general Eli Gonen pointed out the potential of such events as the three millenia anniversary of Jeru-

salem and Christianity's two millenia celebration.

Gonen also noted that other chains which had not wanted to operate here in the past - such as Accor and Marriott - also recently expressed an interest in Israel.

During his visit, Nosedà met with owners and directors of hotels. He also visited potential hotel sites in Eilat.

## 12 firms bid for national garbage dump tender

Post Business Staff

TWELVE firms have bid in an Environment Ministry tender for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of a new national garbage dump at Duda'im, near Beersheba, the ministry announced yesterday.

The site is one of five national landfills being planned in an attempt to close down the hundreds

of illegal dumping sites that have sprung up all over the country.

Ministry Director-General Yisrael Peleg said the government would be offering financial incentives to cities that stop dumping their garbage illegally, and to encourage cities or regional associa-

tions to open way-stations.

Under the ministry's plan, a normative additional cost per person for the hauling and burial of garbage will be calculated, and then multiplied by the number of people in each local authority.

Those authorities that stop

dumping their garbage at illegal sites between now and the end of 1995 will receive 120% of their total normative costs from the government.

Those who join the project from then until the middle of 1996 will have 100% of their costs covered, while those joining after that time will only get back 80%.

## Histadrut won't buy controlling share in Hapoalim

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE Histadrut will not buy a controlling share in Bank Hapoalim and will transfer back to Kupat Holim Clalit billions of shekels in assets. Histadrut secretary-general designate Haim Ramon said yesterday.

At a lunch sponsored by the Jerusalem Business Forum, Ramon spoke of the transformation that will take place in the Histadrut, saying businesses will be sold and Clalit will cease to be a political football.

"The Histadrut that I will head will not run businesses," he said. "I will make sure it will not be involved in the businesses that it is currently running. It will only deal with business related to education, culture, youth and sports."

Ramon said that businesses such as Koor would be sold, while the Am Oved publishing house, for

example, would not be sold. "Holding Koor shares brings no dividends and doesn't provide a thing," Ramon said.

Ramon also rejected the purchase of Bank Hapoalim out of hand. "A bank! That's what the Histadrut was lacking - Bank Hapoalim," he said sarcastically.

Ramon said he would give the Histadrut's money-losing paper, *Davar*, a chance, although he was skeptical about its future.

Ramon noted that the National Health Law has taken health out of politics and out of the Histadrut. The problem, he said, is how the fund will survive until the law becomes effective in October.

The Histadrut will sell assets to fund Clalit, he said. "Unlike the Histadrut's past administration, I will sell NIS 400m. of Histadrut assets to support Kupat Holim."

# ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

## Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (23.6.94)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	3.875	4.250	4.975
U.S. dollar (\$50,000)	3.500	3.875	4.500
U.S. dollar (\$10,000)	3.500	4.000	4.625
U.S. dollar (\$5,000)	3.500	3.375	3.900
U.S. dollar (\$1,000)	3.250	0.625	1.000
Yen (10 million yen)	0.600		1.005

(Rates very higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

## Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates\* (22.6.94)

CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
Currency basket	3.3420	3.3830	2.98	3.3830
U.S. dollar	3.0218	3.0745	2.98	3.12
German mark	1.8948	1.9216	1.88	1.93
Pound sterling	4.8488	4.7123	4.58	4.77
French franc	0.6247	0.5825	0.54	0.57
Japanese yen (100)	3.0088	3.0482	2.95	3.09
Dutch florin	1.8900	1.7138	1.86	1.74
Swiss franc	2.1471	2.2788	2.18	2.31
Swedish krona	0.2838	0.3894	0.33	0.41
Norwegian krona	0.4355	0.4632	0.43	0.46
Danish krona	0.4826	0.4617	0.49	0.47
Finnish mark	0.5883	0.5783	0.47	0.50
Canadian dollar	2.1861	2.2158	2.18	2.25
Australian dollar	2.7484	2.2800	2.18	2.23
S. African rand	0.9317	0.9429	0.95	0.98
Belgian franc (10)	0.8191	0.9328	0.90	0.79
Austrian schilling (10)	2.0862	2.7342	2.65	2.78
Italian lire (1000)	1.9588	1.9540	1.98	1.98
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.32	4.38
Israeli new sheqel	—	—	0.87	0.92
ECU	3.6305	3.6807	4.48	4.74
Italian punt	4.5880	4.6323	4.48	4.74
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2788	2.3110	2.22	2.27

\* These rates vary according to bank.      \*\* Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI



**Key Representative Rates**

US dollar	NIS 3.0520	+0.07%
Sterling	NIS 4.6906	+0.04%
Mark	NIS 1.9045	+0.01%

**NEW YORK STOCK MARKET**

New York market indexes

Index	Last	Change
DJ Industrial	3274.77	+15.8
DJ 30	1292.34	+1.2
DJ 100	1292.34	+1.2
NYSE Composite	3074.96	+1.04
NYSE Midcap	249.36	+1.14
NYSE Smallcap	416.17	+1.46
NYSE Volatility Index	32.08	+1.17
AMEX	423.92	+1.36

NYSE stocks

Volume	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
1,000	1,000	861	861

Other stock market indexes

Index	Last	Change
FTSE 100	2892.4	+2.2
Tokyo Nikkei	12,921.4	+1.2
Hang Seng	5,511.4	+1.2
Shanghai	1,019.2	+1.2

Israeli stocks in NY

Index	Last	Change
TA-35	1,215.1	+1.2
TA-100	1,215.1	+1.2
TA-200	1,215.1	+1.2

**TEL AVIV STOCKS**

Multi-sided trading

Company	Price	Change	Volume
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.50	1,200
Bank Hapoalim	165.00	-0.50	1,100
Bank Mizrahi	160.00	-0.50	1,000
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.50	1,200
Bank Hapoalim	165.00	-0.50	1,100
Bank Mizrahi	160.00	-0.50	1,000

Two-sided trading

Company	Price	Change	Volume
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.50	1,200
Bank Hapoalim	165.00	-0.50	1,100
Bank Mizrahi	160.00	-0.50	1,000
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.50	1,200
Bank Hapoalim	165.00	-0.50	1,100
Bank Mizrahi	160.00	-0.50	1,000

Paralel List

Company	Price	Change	Volume
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.50	1,200
Bank Hapoalim	165.00	-0.50	1,100
Bank Mizrahi	160.00	-0.50	1,000
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.50	1,200
Bank Hapoalim	165.00	-0.50	1,100
Bank Mizrahi	160.00	-0.50	1,000

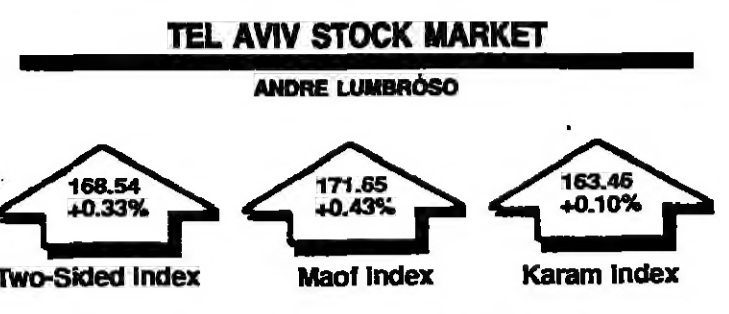
Afternoon

Company	Price	Change	Volume
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.50	1,200
Bank Hapoalim	165.00	-0.50	1,100
Bank Mizrahi	160.00	-0.50	1,000
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.50	1,200
Bank Hapoalim	165.00	-0.50	1,100
Bank Mizrahi	160.00	-0.50	1,000

Morning

Company	Price	Change	Volume
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.50	1,200
Bank Hapoalim	165.00	-0.50	1,100
Bank Mizrahi	160.00	-0.50	1,000
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.50	1,200
Bank Hapoalim	165.00	-0.50	1,100
Bank Mizrahi	160.00	-0.50	1,000

# Market ends just in time to close with an increase



The signs during Tuesday's trading did not lie, as the market was indeed ripe for a technical correction.

However, the correction did not last long.

By mid-afternoon, the market started weakening and prices dropped.

It still managed to close up from Tuesday's close, although - as one trader put it - had the trading continued for another hour, the market would have ended with a decline.

The Two-Sided Index closed up 0.33 percent, the Maof 0.43% and the Karam 0.1%. Total turnover was weak at NIS 148 million.

The morning trading opened with an excess of buy orders on both the Karam and the Maof markets, which brought about rises.

Shkem rose 4% during the morning trading, Meir Ezra up 5%, Mashor 4.5% and Tambour and Agan increased 3%.

By the end of the first half of trading, the Two-Sided was posting a 1.4% rise. This was a phenomenon unseen in recent days.

The first sign that the market was running out of steam was the behavior of the Maof Options Market.

Puts and Calls reversed steam. Puts started rising and Calls declining until they crossed back their respective starting lines.

Calls then became cheaper than at the beginning of the trading day and Puts more expensive.

C170 July (that is a Call option with a striking price of 170 for the month of July), which had opened at 1.320 (Tuesday close), reached a high of 1.560 before retreating back to 1.100.

Similarly, P170 July (Put option at 170 for July) opened at 79c, reached a low of 68c and closed at 90c.

It is significant that the calls closed lower than on Tuesday and the puts higher, and this despite an overall rise for the day, which seems to indicate that prices will not decline tomorrow.

Adacom continued its dive, falling 9.1% to 104.5. The oil exploration issues were down, as Joel went down 5.6%, Isramco dropped 6.3%, Hanal fell 6% and Naphta decreased 5.5%.

Some of the securities which had shone during the morning trading closed barely above the Tuesday close.

Meir Ezra was up 1% (+5% in the morning); Dead Sea 2.5% and 3.8% respectively; Israel Chemicals rose 3.4% in the morning and was up 2% by the end of the day, after having reached a high of 4%.

The Karam, including the Paralel list, is turning into a real desert. Small, if not minute sales or buys are enough to send the market tumbling down or up.

Quality Computers Warrant rose 6%, while Eliatek declined 6%.

There is just no one willing to buy, so the slightest sell order sends the share price tumbling down.

# British shares close up on strong futures contract

LONDON (Reuters) - British stocks finished mostly higher, boosted by a strong FTSE futures contract and steady bond markets. Trading volumes were thin and strategists believe the FTSE still has further to fall before any significant upturn is seen.

At the close, the FTSE Index was up 20.2 points to 2,960.4. The FTSE Mid-250 Index ended 0.7 lower at 3,461.2.

FRANKFURT - German shares close firm but off highs as short-covering rally eased and funds' interest in blue chips dwindled.

The DAX ended at 1,994.42, up 0.56 percent, or 11.15 points on the day, but off the intraday high of 2,003.54.

PARIS - French shares ended on a rally after five consecutive soft closings, supported by a firming in bonds and strengthening of the dollar against both the mark and yen in Europe.

The CAC-40 Index closed up 26.26, or 1.39%, at 1,917.04.

ZURICH - Swiss share prices jumped 1.50%, but volume was low and dealers said the day's gains were too fragile to lay the basis for a new upward trend.

The Broad SPI closed up 24.95 at 1,716.04, just off the day's high.

TOKYO - Stocks ended lower after nervous trade, with prices fluctuating in line with movements in the currency market. Heavy arbitrage-linked selling emerged, but the Bank of Japan's active dollar-buying intervention invited buying on dips, underpinning the downside.

The Nikkei average ended down 231.84 points, or 1.11%, to 20,581.32.

HONG KONG - Shares overcame overseas selling and negative sentiment to end slightly higher on a technical rebound.

The blue-chip Hang Seng Index closed up 19.06 points, or 0.22%, at 8,876.84 after falling below 8,800 in the early morning.

SYDNEY - A steadier bond market and a rise in the gold price lifted the Australian share market to its first firmer finish in more than a week.

The All Ordinaries Index climbed 17.3 points to 2,010.9, off a low of 1,988.1. A sense of calm returned after futures and bonds moved into positive territory.

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares finished off earlier lows amid mild support following the national budget, but dealers said the budget was having little effect on sentiment.

The overall index closed 15 points down at 5,706, the industrial index was 11 points off at 6,583, and the gold index two points off at 2,243.

# Dow snaps losing streak as dollar steadies

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks closed higher yesterday, as a steadier dollar helped the market to snap a three-session string of losses that clipped more than 97 points from the Dow Jones Index.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 16.80 points at 3,724.77 after profit-taking cut into an early advance of more than 30 points.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 12-8, on moderate volume of 247 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

**CURRENCY CROSS-RATES**

MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFR	FFr
MARK	2.457/98	154.81/3	2.066/46	8.401/790
STERLING	1.583/01	0.643/68	1.339/75	5.429/73
YEN	1.188/47	0.484/38	74.78/4	4.026/282
FFr	0.292/28	0.118/90	18.38/43	0.245/81

Prices from 22:50 local time

**LIBOR RATES**

Period	Rate	Change
3 month	4.875%	-0.01%
6 month	5.125%	-0.01%
9 month	5.375%	-0.01%
12 month	5.625%	-0.01%

Foreign financial data courtesy of CommStock Trading Ltd.

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**US COMMODITIES**

Commodity	Last	Change
Crude Oil (COC)	12.74	-0.08
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Crude Oil (COC)	12.74	-0.08

**Spot metal prices (US)**

Metal	Last	Change
Gold	389.81	+0.45
Silver	5.77	-0.23

**INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES**

Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change
Alcoa	17.25	+0.12	Alcoa	17.25	+0.12
Alcoa	17.25	+0.12	Alcoa	17.25	+0.12
Alcoa	17.25	+0.12	Alcoa	17.25	+0.12
Alcoa	17.25	+0.12	Alcoa	17.25	+0.12



# Mansdorf stops Carbonell

## Smashnova out; 2nd seed Stich upset

WIMBLEDON - While it took nearly three hours for the No. 1 Israeli man to pull out a victory yesterday, his female counterpart bowed out in straight sets.

Amos Mansdorf battled his way to a hard-fought 7-5, 2-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 win over Spain's Tomas Carbonell in 2 hours 50 minutes. Anna Smashnova's match was much more straightforward, as she lost 6-3, 6-4 to Latvia's Larissa Neiland.

Mansdorf's match began a day late, after the rain played havoc with Tuesday's schedule. Yesterday morning, however, the conditions had returned more or less to normal English weather - only partly cloudy.

Mansdorf got off to a tentative start against the tall hard-bitter, losing his opening service game. He then recovered his composure and his shot-making improved to eventually triumph 7-5. The 45th ranked Israeli man Carbonell around the court, finding the opening, and then showing equal brilliance in winning the point both from the back of the court or coming up to the net to finish a volley.

But the second and third sets belonged to the Spaniard, ranked 55th in the world. A general apathy set in on Mansdorf, who began clutching his back, which has been a constant source of pain over the past two years and one of the reasons why the 28-year-old is intent on retiring at year's end.

But Mansdorf rallied from Carbonell's hard serves and came

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back to win eight straight games in the fourth and fifth sets to win 6-1 and 6-4. It was the early break of serve in the final set that made the difference.

"My back hurts constantly and I do find it hard to motivate myself," Mansdorf said after the match, "but I'm not going to give anything away."

Mansdorf's next match, scheduled for today, will pit him against American Kenny Thorne, a qualifier ranked 211. On paper, Mansdorf should go through to the third round and a meeting with Croatian Goran Ivanisevic.

Smashnova, ranked 65th, was never in command of her match against the taller, stronger Latvian. The good serve and volley player never let the 17-year-old get into her stride and her preferred baseline game.

Neiland, 55th in the world, served hard and then came up to the net forcing Smashnova to play passing shots much of the time.

In a stunning upset yesterday, 120th-ranked Bryan Shelton routed No. 2 seed and 1991 champion Michael Stich 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Stich joined fellow German Steffi Graf, the women's top seed and defending champion, as a first-round loser to an unseeded American. Graf's loss Tuesday to Lori McNeil was the first time a defending women's champion lost in the first round, and Stich became only the second men's No. 2 seed to lose that early.

McNeil, suddenly one of the fa-

vorites to win the women's title, had to play again yesterday, and struggled against surprisingly tough Yone Kamio of Japan before advancing to the third round, 6-3, 6-7(7-5), 6-3. Kamio, ranked only 113th, saved two match points to force the second-set tiebreaker and two more before yielding the last game.

The men's top seed, defending champion Pete Sampras, helped preserve some sense of order with an imposing 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 second-round victory over fellow American Richey Reneberg.

"I never really gave him a chance to play his game," Sampras said, who slammed 26 aces and won in 87 minutes.

Last year's losing finalist, No. 5 seed Jim Courier, beat Byron Black of Zimbabwe in a well-played Centre Court match, 6-1, 6-7(7-5), 6-3, 6-4. Todd Martin, the sixth seed, overpowered Germany's Patrik Kukenov, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

In women's second-round matches, third-seeded Conchita Martinez beat Japan's Nana Miyagi, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3), and No. 6 seed Kimiko Date crushed Britain's Shirli-Ann Siddall, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 9 Lindsay Davenport, just back from her high school graduation in California, beat South African Tessa Price, 6-4, 6-2, and 13th-seeded Zina Garrison-Jackson beat Katarina Stefanikova of Slovakia, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

Gabriela Sabatini, the No. 10 seed, salvaged a 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 first-round victory over Austria's Judith Wiesner.

# Nigeria debuts with crushing win

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DALLAS (Reuters) - Nigeria showed it is ready to take on the best by opening their World Cup campaign with a crushing 3-0 win over Bulgaria on Tuesday.

The African champions, displaying gazelle-like speed in attack, ran the Bulgarian defense ragged and each of their goals was superbly taken.

Rashidi Yekini, Africa's greatest marksman, fittingly opened the scoring for the World Cup debutants in the 21st minute and hugged the net in celebration.

With the African drums beating in the stands, Daniel Amokachi added a second just before halftime.

Emmanuel Amunike, the man whose two goals in the final won Nigeria the African Nations Cup, added the third nine minutes into the second half.

Amokachi also hit the post with a fierce drive from the edge of the penalty area a minute before his goal.

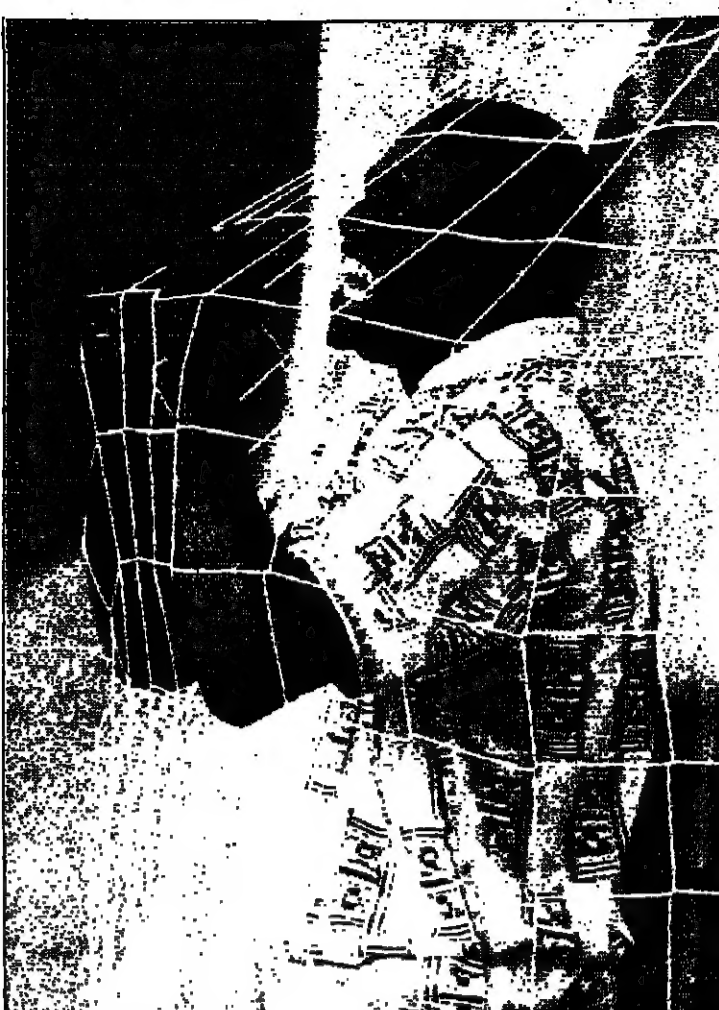
Bulgaria created several first half chances in the Group D match and Hristo Stoichkov had a superbly-struck free-kick ruled out because the referee had awarded an indirect kick.

Just before the end Amunike was carried off on a stretcher. Team mate Fimidi George had also gone off injured in the 77th minute after a goalmouth collision with Trifon Ivanov, who was also helped off but returned.

Nigeria's Dutch coach Clemens Westerhof said his team had done everything he expected of them.

"We came to the USA to show we can play football in Africa," he said. "We've been working five years with this team."

The trainer said his team was looking forward to the next game against Argentina. "My boys like



**BIG SHOT** - Forward Rashidi Yekini celebrates after scoring Nigeria's first-ever World Cup goal. (AP)

to play Brazil and Argentina so let's see what they do then," he said.

"We respect everyone here but we're afraid of no-one."

Germany 1, Spain 1  
Germany coach Bert Vogts should label the tape of his side's draw with Spain as a horror movie when he slots it into his video collection at home.

Spain, which managed only a 2-2 draw with South Korea in its opening match, outplayed the world champions for long periods of the Group C clash

in Chicago on Tuesday and was unlucky not to clinch their first World Cup victory over Germany.

The first half was not a sight for German soccer fans of a nervous disposition as goalkeeper Bodo Illgner had to produce heroics to keep his team in the game, with Juan Goikoetxea, Sergi and Josep Guardiola all causing problems to the aging German defense.

Although Goikoetxea needed a great deal of luck to score Spain's goal in the 14th minute when his speculative cross rebounded off the top of the left-

hand-post into the net, the Spaniards created a higher number of chances than their more illustrious opponents.

German captain Lothar Matthaus was clearly relieved afterwards that Jurgen Klinsmann's headed goal from a free kick two minutes into the second half had saved the day.

"When you have to come back from 1-0 down you have to be happy with the result against an exceptional Spanish team," Matthaus said. "In the first 20 minutes we let them impose their game on us."

"But I think that we are going to play a typical German tournament, getting better and better as we go on."

First Round									
Group A									
	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Romania	1	0	0	3	1	3			
Switzerland	0	1	0	1	1	1			
United States	0	1	0	1	1	1			
Colombia	0	0	1	1	3	0			
Group B									
	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Brazil	1	0	0	2	0	3			
Sweden	0	1	0	2	2	1			
Cameroon	0	1	0	2	2	1			
Russia	0	0	1	0	2	0			
Group C									
	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Germany	1	1	0	2	1	4			
Spain	0	2	0	3	3	2			
South Korea	0	1	0	2	2	1			
Bolivia	0	0	1	0	1	0			
Group D									
	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Argentina	1	0	0	4	0	3			
Nigeria	1	0	0	3	0	3			
Bulgaria	0	0	1	0	3	0			
Greece	0	0	1	0	4	0			
Group E									
	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Ireland	1	0	0	1	0	3			
Norway	1	0	0	1	0	3			
Mexico	0	0	1	0	1	0			
Italy	0	0	1	0	1	0			
Group F									
	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Netherlands	1	0	0	2	1	3			
Belgium	1	0	0	1	0	3			
Morocco	0	0	1	0	1	0			
Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	1	2	0			

### World Cup at a Glance

(all times Israeli)  
Tuesday's results:  
C - Germany 1, Spain 1 (Chicago)  
D - Nigeria 3, Bulgaria 0 (Dallas)  
Last night's scheduled games:  
A - Romania-Switzerland (Portland)  
B - USA-Colombia (Pasadena)  
Tonight/tomorrow:  
E - Italy-Norway 23:05 (East Rutherford)  
C - South Korea-Bolivia 02:35 (Fordham)

# Tigers halt Indians' win streak

DETROIT (AP) - Lou Whitaker's grand slam capped a six-run rally in the ninth inning and the Tigers stopped the Cleveland Indians' 10-game winning streak, 7-5 Tuesday night.

Jason Grimsley held the Tigers to one unearned run on four hits for eight innings, and left with a 3-1 lead.

But Kirk Gibson drew a leadoff walk in the ninth from Paul Shuey, Mickey Tettleton walked with one out and Alan Trammell hit an RBI single.

Pinch-hitter Juan Samuel greeted Derek Lilliquist (1-3) with a single that loaded the bases and Tony Phillips walked, forcing home a run that made it 5-3.

Whitaker followed with a drive into the upper deck in right field for his 10th home run of the season and fourth career slam.

Red Sox 13, Blue Jays 1  
Mo Vaughn doubled twice and drove in three runs during a 10-run first inning that sent Boston to a SkyDome win.

The Red Sox combined six hits, including two-run doubles by Scott Cooper and John Valentin and an RBI double by Mike Greenwell, and seven walks in the 41-minute first inning.

Boston sent 16 batters to the plate against Brad Cornett (0-2) and Scott Brown. Cornett gave up six runs on three hits and three walks while getting only one out in his second major league start.

Yankees 6, Twins 4  
Jumy Key won his 10th straight decision and became the first 11-game winner in the majors as New York won in The Apple.

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
East Division									
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	41	27	.603			41	27	.603	
Baltimore	38	30	.559	3		38	30	.559	3
Detroit	35	33	.515	6		35	33	.515	6
Boston	34	34	.500	7		34	34	.500	7
Toronto	31	37	.456	10		31	37	.456	10
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	41	26	.612			41	26	.612	
Minnesota	37	31	.544	4 1/2		37	31	.544	4 1/2
Chicago	36	31	.537	5		36	31	.537	5
Kansas City	36	32	.529	5 1/2		36	32	.529	5 1/2
Los Angeles	32	37	.464	10		32	37	.464	10
West Division									
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	32	37	.464			32	37	.464	
Seattle	30	38	.438	2 1/2		30	38	.438	2 1/2
California	31	41	.431	5 1/2		31	41	.431	5 1/2
Oakland	25	44	.362	12		25	44	.362	12

# Four Israelis reach wheelchair quarterfinals

HEATHER CHAIT

FOUR Israeli men reached today's quarterfinals of the Eighth International Wheelchair Tennis Championships in Ramat Hasharon.

Israel's first and second players, Eyal Sar-Tov and Zev Paticha respectively, each won easy games. Sar-Tov dispatched Holland's Taco Nijhoff 6-2, 6-4 and Paticha ousted Germany's Ralph Wetsang 6-4, 6-2.

Meir Cohen and Gil Naor complete the Israeli quartet in the quarterfinals while veteran champion Baruch Hagai lost a keen battle to second seed Eric Stuurman of the Netherlands by a score of 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Naor beat Bob Dockerill 6-4, 6-1, and Cohen stopped Eckard Kirsch 6-7, 6-4, 7-6.

In the women's section, local player Tiki Aharoni beat Austria's Ilse Schrank 6-1, 6-3.

Today, top seeds Kai Schrammer and Regina Isecke, both from Germany, do battle to retain their titles.

# Nat'l basketball teams ready for summer meets

JOEL GORDIN

THE national basketball teams are getting into shape for their summer European tournaments. The *Audax* (under-22) squad is currently at a training camp in Portugal, competing against the national teams of Portugal, the Netherlands and squads made up of players from US colleges.

The Israelis will return on June 27 before leaving for Slovenia to take part in the European Championships for under-22 teams, to be held from July 3 to July 10. The opponents in the opening round will be Slovenia, Finland, France, Yugoslavia and Greece.

The squad is led by the University of Connecticut's Doron Shefer. Among the other better-known players are last year's team in parentheses: Oren Aharoni (Hapoel Holon), Danny Alosch (Hapoel Tel Aviv), Eli and Kobi Balul (Hapoel Holon), Dror Cohen (Maccabi Ramat Gan), Uri Cohen-Minz (Hapoel Gvat), Ori Lahav (Hapoel Galil Elyon), Amir Mukarti (Hapoel Galil Elyon), Oded Katash (Maccabi Ramat Gan), Gur Shelef (Maccabi

Ramat Gan). The coach is Effie Birnbaum (Hapoel Herzliya).

The youth (under 18) squad will contest the 16th European Basketball Championship for Young Men to be held from July 18-25 at Yad Eliyahu (it has been moved from the previous venue, Beit Dani).

The next team to go into action will be the *kadetim* (under 16), who take part in the semifinals of the European championships in Germany from August 16-20 August. They are in a group with Russia, Macedonia, Belgium, the UK and Germany. The first three in the group will go forward to the finals to be held in July, 1995 in Portugal. The team coach is Bob Gonen.

The national team, coached by Zvi Sherf, plays its first games in the opening rounds of the next European championships in November. Their opponents will be Turkey, Czechoslovakia and Greece. If the team finishes among the top two in this group, it will go to the finals next June in Greece.

# If all else fails, blame the ball

ORLANDO (AP) - A week into the World Cup and goalkeepers have already dragged their team to ruin or brought them nation glory. In a job beyond redemption, it's business as usual.

It took Michel Preud'homme a split second and a bit of goalkeeping luck to produce a world class save to secure Belgium's 1-0 win over Morocco. Romanian Bogdan Stelea and Ireland's Packie Bonner had to be great throughout their match to give their nations upset wins in the opening games.

But when it comes to Colombia's Oscar Cordoba, well, just don't ask. It's a bit embarrassing.

"Some lose the match for you, some win the match for you," Belgian coach Paul Van Himst said of the first days of goalkeeping.

With most of the World Cup hype being targeted at playmakers and strikers, keepers have been the angels in the success of most teams.

When Belgium was slowly breaking under Morocco's pressure, Preud'homme turned it around. Striker Mohamed Chaouch had an open header in the penalty area and made a clean contact, sending the ball sailing toward the corner.

But a catquick reaction from Preud'homme deviated the ball onto the woodwork.

"It was a world class save and that's why we have him," said Van Himst.

Preud'homme was the hero but immediately came out to protect his less fortunate colleagues, and criticized the World Cup Quentra ball.

The World Cup is using new balls, and while it helps the forwards, the lighter, swifter balls make goalkeeping even trickier.

"Look at Hagl's goal," said Preud'homme, referring to Romania's second goal in the 3-1 upset of Colombia.

From the right side, playmaker Gheorghe Hagl kicked the ball - a fluke cross or a brilliant lob - and it sailed into the net over Cordoba, who had committed himself to intercept a cross.

"The ball curls early on and suddenly it stops. If it starts that way, it has to continue that way," he said, complaining of inexplicable deviations of the ball.

And more strange things may happen with these balls, said Preud'homme.

"It totally changes our job," he said, specifically on long-range shots.

"It's always the same. Ahead of each World Cup, they change the balls," he said.

To make soccer more exciting, with more goals, the new Quentra ball has a glossier surface that cuts air resistance, allowing the ball to go up to 15 percent faster. A special layer of foam inside makes the shots also more powerful.

"What can we do. We have to play like everybody else," summed up Preud'homme.



**ANTI-POROUS PRACTICE** - Colombian goalkeeper Oscar Cordoba rests during practice at Cal State University in Fullerton. Cordoba allowed three goals in Colombia's loss to Romania. (AP)

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# Land over Green Line to be expropriated

BILL HUTMAN

THE Jerusalem municipality is finalizing a plan for the expropriation of hundreds of dunams of land, mostly across the Green Line, for construction of Jewish neighborhoods and housing projects.

The move comes as Palestinian leaders are demanding that Israel freeze housing development in eastern Jerusalem until the future of the city is determined in the peace negotiations.

Yesterday, Deputy Mayor Uri Lupolianski revealed he ordered a survey of undeveloped land in the city after taking office in November.

The survey, including potential sites for expropriation, should be finished soon, he said.

The bulk of the land earmarked for expropriation is in southern Jerusalem. But land adjoining the Ramot and Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhoods in the north is also slated for expropriation, according to the city's plan.

The land in the south will be used to build at least three new Jewish neighborhoods, Lupolianski said in an interview.

Work is set to begin soon on another neighborhood, Har Homa, on land already expropriated from its Jewish and Arab owners.

"We want to build between 3,000 and 4,000 units" between

the city and Beit Jalla, said Lupolianski, who holds the building and planning portfolio at City Hall. On Friday, the local *Kol Ha'ir* weekly revealed part of the plan for that area, involving land belonging to the village of Walaja.

Another 4,000 units are slated for the present mobile home site at Givat Hamatos and the adjoining Givat Ha'arba'a. Part of this plan will include expropriated land.

Construction in the Givat Hamatos area will also require the cooperation of the Greek Orthodox Church, which owns several hundred dunams there next to the Mar Elias Monastery. If the church does not agree to develop the land, it will be expropriated, and the church will be given land elsewhere in exchange, Lupolianski said.

"I know there will be criticism [about our plans]," he said. "This whole plan is not at all politically motivated. People must realize that we are not just expropriating Arab land, but Jewish land also. My main goal is to help solve the housing shortage in Jerusalem."

He acknowledged that the plan received wide support from right-wing members of the city coalition, who are interested in putting "facts on the ground" that will prevent political compromise on Jerusalem's future.

Mayor Ehud Olmert has in the past spoken favorably about using land expropriation to help increase the city's Jewish population. Olmert and Lupolianski both see the building of new neighborhoods and large housing projects as preferable to moving Jewish families into Arab homes in eastern Jerusalem.

Lupolianski met earlier this week with Finance Ministry officials to discuss the city's expropriation and development plans. The ministry's approval is necessary for the expropriation of land.

"Expropriation has negative connotations that it shouldn't. People are going to be compensated. And this does not just affect Arabs, but Jews also," Lupolianski said.

All the new housing, however, is slated for Jewish families. In addition to the plans for the south, about 1,000 new units are planned next to Ramot and another 2,000 between the French Hill and Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhoods.

"If we don't want Jewish families to leave the city, then we must start building them homes as soon as possible," Lupolianski said.

## Niece-beating suspect held for a week

RAINE MARCUS

THE 31-YEAR-OLD man suspected of brutally beating his two-year-old niece on Saturday was remanded for a week by Rehovot Magistrates Court yesterday.

A judge also ordered the man to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

The child's condition was described yesterday as "serious but stable." She is still in the intensive care unit at Assaf Harofe hospital, suffering from head and body injuries apparently caused by the beatings, according to a police pathologist who examined her. She was brought to hospital unconscious Saturday night, but now intermittently regains consciousness.

The girl's mother was questioned by police but later released. During her investigation, said police, she was hysterical, and denied any connection with her daughter's injuries. She also ruled out the possibility that her brother had caused the child's wounds.

The suspect also denied beating his niece, saying he had saved her by calling an ambulance. The child must have fallen from her bed, he said.

Two weeks before the incident, the child was hospitalized in Assaf Harofe, suffering from injuries which her mother said were caused by a fall, but authorities then did not suspect foul play.



Tar was found poured over the graves of the late president Yitzhak Ben-Zvi and his wife yesterday morning by workers at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery in Jerusalem. Police believe haredim, angry about archeological excavations in Migdal Ha'emek, were responsible. (Text: Bill Hutman; Photo: Brian Hendrick)

## No disturbances at excavation site

DAVID RUDGE

uncovered a few "poorly preserved" bones from the caves.

Under the agreement worked out between the archeologists and haredim, who had been demonstrating at the site, excavation of the graves yesterday was supervised by members of the Orthodox Atra Kadisha.

Gal said they have found only remnants of the graves themselves, and a few bones, which were in a poor state of preservation. The Antiquities Authority

had stated from the outset that the graves had been robbed long ago and little remained.

The excavations in that area of the site have been completed, said Gal, and teams would now concentrate on unearthing remains of an ancient wine press and other artifacts dating back to the Roman/Byzantine period.

He said that all work on the site, which has been designated by the Housing Ministry for a new 160-home housing project, would be completed within 10 days.

## Local Habad leaders offer guidance to followers

HERB KEINON

In an apparent attempt to begin putting their house in order, local Habad leaders ran a full-page ad in *Yediot Aharonot* yesterday, telling followers who may speak in the name of the movement, and to whom they should turn with questions that used to be sent to the Lubavitcher rebbe.

The ad showed a hand-written note written three years ago by the late rebbe, Menahem Mendel Schneerson, empowering Habad-Lubavitch in Israel and the Habad Rabbinical Council to take responsibility for the movement's matters here.

The ad said that in light of the rebbe's directions, "All general publicity relating to the movement is valid, authoritative and representative only if it is carried out by Habad-Lubavitch Israel and the Habad Rabbinical Council. The body that is responsible for publications, projects and activities of the movement is Habad Youth," the ad said.

The ad also told Habad followers where to turn for personal questions and guidance.

"Relating to the actions of individuals, the following are the holy instructions of the rebbe," the ad

read. "In personal matters, one should act according to the instructions of three Habad rabbis in the region. Relating to health matters, one should turn to a doctor friend or to three specialists, and accept the opinion of the majority."

"In business matters and issues relating to a livelihood, one should turn for advice to friends who understand these matters. People who act in this manner are ensured the holy blessing of the rebbe."

One Habad official, who did not want to be identified, said that people who directed inquiries to the rebbe in the past were generally given the same instructions. The one exception was advice on whom to marry, which - until he fell ill - the rebbe dealt with himself.

Rabbi Yosef Aharonov, deputy head of Habad-Lubavitch Israel and head of Habad Youth, said the purpose of the ad was to inform the public that not all those who speak in Habad's name represent the movement.

"Anything that does not have the official approval of one of the three organizations is not Habad," Aharonov said.

## Bill aimed at weakening direct vote of PM defeated

DAN IZENBERG

THE Knesset plenum yesterday narrowly defeated in preliminary reading a bill aimed at weakening the Direct Election of Prime Ministers Law by stipulating that the appointment of ministers and senior government officials would have to be approved by a Knesset committee.

The bill, sponsored by Limor Livnat (Likud), was defeated by 25 votes to 24.

Yesterday's vote was the first salvo in a concerted drive by MKs to challenge the law, which is due to go into effect in the next election.

Two weeks from now, Yigal Bibi (NRP) and Naomi Chazan (Meretz) will present their bills, which call for postponing implementation of the law until the

elections for the 15th Knesset.

Justice Minister David Liba'i told the plenum that the new law did not introduce a US presidential-like system into Israeli government.

"When it came to the prerogatives of the prime minister, we did not make a revolution," said Liba'i. "We did not change the parliamentary system as it exists today.... You will not be able to find powers awarded to the prime minister by the law which he does not have today."

Liba'i's bill inadvertently introduced the US system by including senior civil servants - including the chief of staff, the chief of police and the attorney-general - among those who would have to be approved by parliament, said Liba'i.

## US: Israel should increase share of Arrow funding

ALON PINKAS

ISRAEL should commit to more than 28 percent of the funding of the Arrow missile's next phase of development, a US official said in an interview published Monday.

Dr. Michael Holtcamp, head of the Arrow project in the US Defense Department, told *Aviation Week and Space Technology* that following the Arrow's successful interception and destruction of an incoming missile earlier this month, the Israeli government should increase its investment in the Arrow-2, the deployable version of the missile.

Israel and the US are currently drafting a memorandum of agreement that will arrange the allocation and division of funding for the next phases of the Arrow development.

The US financed 78% of the

research and development of the first two phases, and was committed to fund a total of \$195 million until 1999. However, since the project was initiated as part of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) the US began developing its own version of an anti-ballistic-missile, the THAAD (Theater-High-Altitude-Area-Defense). It is a less sophisticated system, but is expected to be operational before the Arrow's projected deployment near the year 2000. US defense and military officials involved in the THAAD have apparently expressed criticism regarding what they call an unfair burden of the funding.

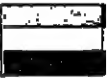
For fiscal year 1994, the Pentagon has appropriated \$25 million for the Arrow. The missile's successful test made \$54 million available for further development.

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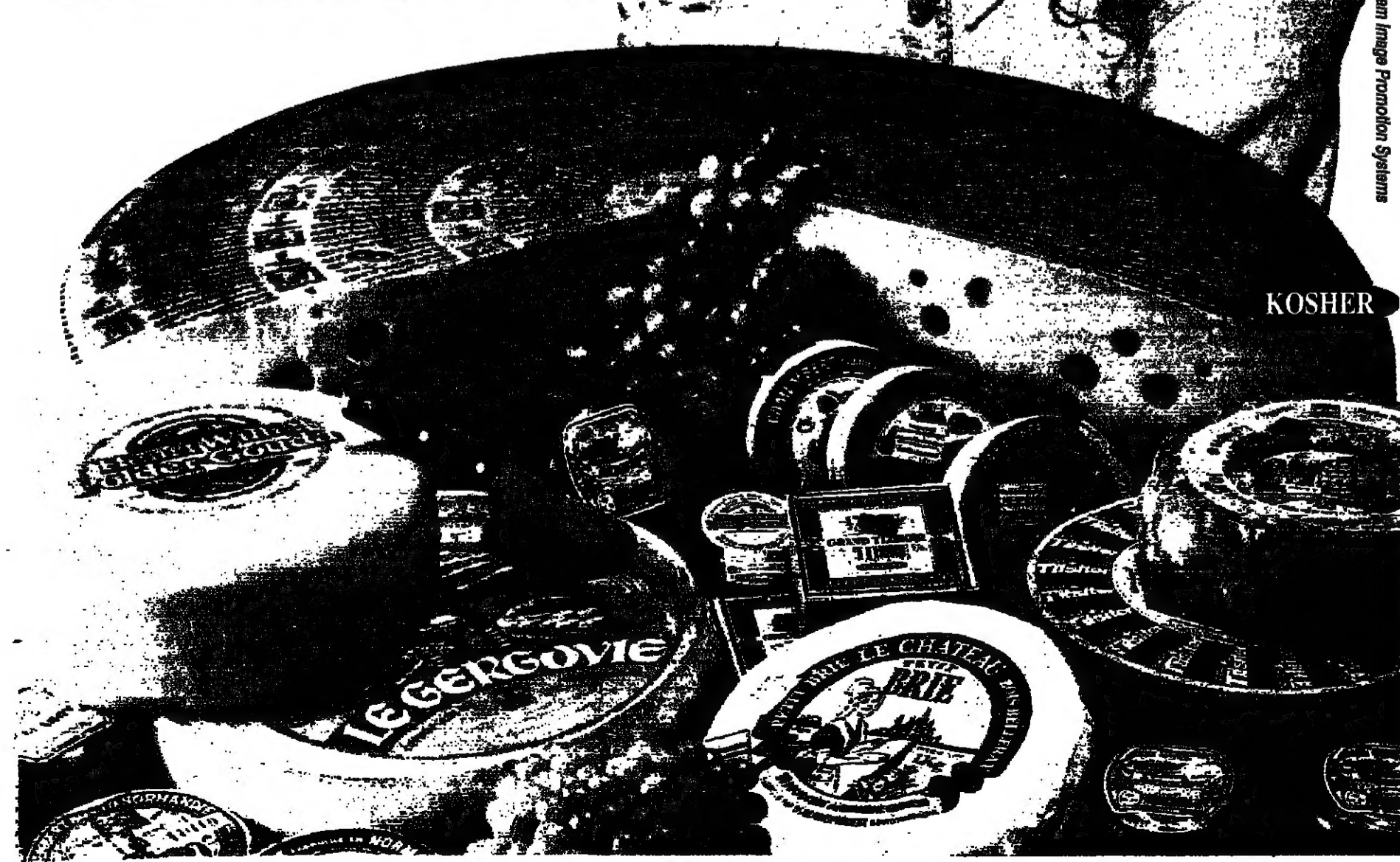
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